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ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

Mr. D. D. Clark

SCHOOL COMMITTEE

OF THE TOWN OF

BRIMFIELD,

FOR THE YEAR 1865-6.

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REPORT.

FELLOW CITIZENS:—The School Committee in presenting their annual report of the condition of the schools in town, respectfully and earnestly invite your attention to a few plain facts, and brief suggestions. Whether we have, in the discharge of our duties, met your approval or disapproval, we know not; but this we do know, that we have ever been actuated by an honest desire to promote the real good of those, whose welfare has, in a measure, been committed to our hands.

Whole number of persons in town May 1st, 1865, between the ages of five and fifteen years, as per assessors' return, 226; number of all ages in all the public schools in summer, 178; number in winter, 217; average in summer, 20; average in winter, 22; number under five years of age in summer, 8; number over fifteen years of age in summer, 0; number under five years of age in winter, 3; number over fifteen years of age in winter, 19; number of schools in summer, 9; amount expend, \$522.00; amount per scholar, \$2.93; number of schools in winter, 10; amount expended, \$880.15; amount per scholar, \$4.055. Average wages of teacher per month, including board, in summer, \$19.33 $\frac{1}{3}$; in winter, \$22.18 $\frac{1}{2}$; amount expended for fuel, and kindling fires, \$180.00; total expended for school purposes during the year, \$1,402.25; amount received in 1865, as town's share of income of State school fund, \$64.70; amount raised by the town for school purposes, \$1,300.

We wish here to call your special attention to the fact that the amount raised by the town, with the income of school fund, is inadequate to the support of good schools the minimum length of time required by statute.

In District No. 9 there was no school in summer. By request of

DISTRICT NO. 8.

Number of scholars,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	22
Expense of school,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	\$82 20
Expense per scholar,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	\$3 73

DISTRICT NO. 9.

Number of scholars,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	8
Expense of school,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	\$73 00
Expense per scholar,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	\$9 12

DISTRICT NO. 10.

Number of scholars,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	17
Expense of school,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	\$85 30
Expense per scholar,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	\$5 03

We think that the efforts made by the children generally, to be prompt and regular at school, worthy of praise; and we are willing to believe that many who failed to be as regular as their schoolmates, were hindered by circumstances beyond their control, and will try again.

We give the names of those who have not been tardy or absent during the year, and those who have not been for one term.

NOT TARDY OR ABSENT DURING THE YEAR.

District No. 1.—Michael Shays, Willie Janes, Eddie Lombard.

District No. 2.—Mary J. Ackert, Susie Varney.

District No. 6.—Lavina M. Baker.

District No. 7.—Lydia Collis.

District No. 8.—Frank L. Woods.

District No. 9.—Anna B. Webster, (went to No. 1 in summer.)

NOT TARDY OR ABSENT FOR ONE TERM.

District No. 1.—Laura Spaulding, Annie Chamberlin, Allie Chamberlain, Anna Tarbell, Della Paige, Janette Brown, Julia Cowles, George Sherman, Roger Sherman.

District No. 2.—H. P. Allen, Addie S. Benson, Evelyn J. Benson, Judson F. Ackert, Marshall Benson, Judson Corttis, Albert S. McKinstry.

District No. 3.—Ella J. Fenton, Mary A. Fenton, Mary L. Stone, Alfred F. Stone, Charles L. Carder.

District No. 4.—Mary L. Cook, Stephen P. Smith, John W. Dimick, Willie N. Hitchcock, Clifton L. Gould.

District No. 5.—Nettie L. Lawrence, Willard E. Wetherell, John Hayes, Elmer Moulton.

District No. 6.—Sarah Long, Ada M. Kenney, Alice L. Baker, Charles Prouty, Herbert F. Healy.

District No. 7.—Mary A. Bradley.

District No. 8.—Julia Blashfield, Mary Woods.

In taking a general survey of the year, your Committee are happy to say that, in their opinion, the corps of teachers has been fully equal to that of any preceding year—faithful, laborious and persevering in their efforts to promote the best interests of the schools under their charge. Most of them have fully met our expectations; some have not, and their partial failure we attribute to a lack of judgment in one case, and to excessive kindness in another. Teachers should not only be punctual to the moment, but they should conduct their exercises with regularity and order. If four o'clock is the hour for closing school, we think schools should not be closed at all hours in the afternoon, to suit the convenience of the teacher.

Again, while we would urge, always, upon teachers the necessity of exercising kindness toward all their pupils, we would, at the same time, caution them against *doing for* them, or *helping* them to do that which they are fully capable of doing alone, and which they *must* do alone if they would make real progress. Children should learn to *think* for themselves, and to depend upon themselves; and we have aimed to impress the necessity of thoroughness upon all the schools; to make teacher and pupils feel, that the progress of a pupil is not to be estimated by the number of pages gone over, but by the amount of mental discipline gained, and actual knowledge acquired.

We wish here to make a single suggestion to those parents and guardians who think that they have just cause for complaint against the teachers in their respective districts. It is this: that you form your opinions of schools and teachers, by your own personal observation, and not from any secondary sources. We think, also, that it is far better to seek redress of wrongs by *private* rather than public interviews with teachers. And if parents would take the trouble to notify us when they think their schools are not doing well, we think we could do much to restore mutual good feeling between teacher and parents. And we urge the vital importance of parents enjoining upon their children strict compliance with the requirements of teachers, being fully assured that unless the labors of teachers are thus seconded by parents, their efforts, however wise and skillful they may be, will be of little avail.

But we must pass from teachers and schools, to school-houses. More than one-half of the Districts in town are yet unorganized. One year ago the School Committee were charged with neglect in not repairing some of the houses; yet, although the Districts have been bounded nearly two years, some of the houses are rapidly growing no better.

In the central part of a town, where there is no lack of wealth, intelligence and enterprise, we generally find in school architecture an example worthy to be imitated and emulated by the poorer and less favored parts of the town. Is it so in the center of Brimfield?

We are gratified to learn that the citizens in District No. 1 have come to realize that their example in this respect has been a pernicious one; and that they propose to erect the present year a school building which shall be a model, not only to the other districts, but to the neighboring towns. And we trust that they will select a model situation. It seems to us a very narrow-minded policy, to place a school-house *almost* in the highway. We think that children should have a play ground which belongs to *them*, and then be held responsible if they trespass.

The houses in Nos. 5 and 8 must be repaired this year, either by the people in those districts or by the School Committee. No. 9 has no house, and No. 10 is in a worse condition; but we trust that all the poor school-houses in town will soon be among the things that were; that they will give place to structures neat, commodious and attractive, of which, fellow citizens, we shall not feel ashamed. Those districts interested, will see the necessity of choosing between taking care of their houses themselves, and having the Committee take care of them.

In conclusion, we would urge upon parents the importance of a more active interest in the welfare of our schools. They have faults and imperfections, but none too great to be overcome. If we would see them become what they should be, the means of intellectual strength, physical development and moral worth, we must exert unceasing vigilance in their behalf.

Our report is respectfully submitted.

E. B. WELD,	} <i>School</i>
W. F. TARBELL,	
J. L. WOODS,	
	<i>Committee.</i>

BRIMFIELD, April 2, 1866.

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REPORT.

The statutes require the School Committee to make an annual report upon the condition of the schools, and of their doings to the town. We enter upon these duties, feeling the responsibility of making this report faithfully and impartially. The method of taking up our schools, and criticising them and their teachers individually, is a question of doubtful expediency with some. But while it may be open to objections, we are of the opinion that, under the present district system, we cannot reach the desired object so well, as by making such criticisms as each school deserves. We would carefully avoid either extreme by way of personal commendation or censure, but confine ourselves to the radical evils that tend to distract and destroy the good results, so much to be desired, as well as point out those traits and qualities that make the common school so valuable.

DISTRICT No. 1.

The Summer school was taught by Miss Ella Lyman, with a good degree of success. Miss L. did not fail to secure the love of her pupils at the beginning, consequently the school was easily brought under her control. She was enthusiastic and determined in her labors, giving her whole time and strength to the work she loves so well. The closing examination proved to a large number of parents and friends of the pupils, that they had not spent their time idly or unprofitably.

Miss Lyman was again employed for the Winter. After the school had been in session two weeks, the Committee deemed it expedient to organize a primary department, being satisfied the school was *too* large for one teacher to manage successfully. The closing examination satisfied us that it was a judicious act in thus grading this school.

Particular attention was paid to reading, and in this branch the pupils excelled.

Miss Julia Brown took charge of the primary department. This school is now in session, consequently we are not able to report upon its progress.

DISTRICT NO. 2.

The Summer term was in session sixteen weeks, and was taught by Miss Mary L. Paige. The Winter term of fourteen weeks was also in charge of the same teacher. Miss Paige labored earnestly and faithfully, but did not fully realize the good results her efforts are entitled to. To what cause shall we trace the difficulty? In the first place, we notice that the register shows that only three of the parents visited the school during the year, excepting the closing examination, and then a very limited number were present. Also, the register shows a lower "average attendance" than any other school, while the marks for tardiness indicate a want of punctuality, that will hardly warrant the expectation of a highly successful school. Can not the parents do very much to remedy the evils that exist here?

DISTRICT NO. 3.

The Summer term was taught by Miss Mary Hayward, and as far as we can learn, with satisfactory results. The District contributed the teacher's board, which enabled them to continue the school five months. We would have been glad to see one parent's name recorded on the register, previous to the closing examination, but no such record was made.

The Winter term, under the charge of John H. Noyes, commenced encouragingly with twenty-seven pupils, but closed with twelve, only eight of whom belonged to the District. We attended to this school faithfully, and saw no reason why success should not attend it. No complaint was made to us by any member of the District, nor could we, at any time, see any cause that would justify the course pursued by some of the parents and their children. At the closing examination, the few who were present appeared well and recited well. Now we think it is our duty to protest against the pernicious practice of taking children from school for slight or imaginary causes. It not only does gross injustice to the teacher, but is a positive injury to the school, as well as to the pupil. It is the purpose of the Committee to require every teacher to do their whole duty; but we cannot demand that they shall make no mistakes. For errors in judgment let earnest effort, and a strong desire to do right, in a measure compensate. Mr. N. labored to excell, and if he partially failed, we think he is not chiefly respon-

sible. The register does not show that one parent visited the school during the Winter. Parents, we ask you to look well to it, that you first do your duty to your children, and *then* make greater demands upon their teachers.

DISTRICT No. 4.

Miss Ruth Merrill had charge of this school in the Summer. With her usual tact and skill she accomplished all we might reasonably expect. Miss M. has been employed here for several previous terms, and it was the desire of parents as well as Committee that she should engage for the Winter; but other callings held out greater inducements, and we were obliged to yield any further claim to her services.

Miss Ursoula Shaw, a teacher of many years' experience, was engaged for the Winter. Miss S. is a practical teacher, and she brought that particular trait to bear upon her school. There was no attempt at show or display. At the closing examination the pupils were asked to say what they did know, and not try to tell what they did not know. No leading questions were asked, no assistance was rendered in answering. They were taught to be self-reliant—to think and speak for themselves. No one doubts the good results of such discipline. They will be the reliable men and women of our country.

DISTRICT No. 5.

Miss Olivia Parker was employed for the Summer. Though young and inexperienced, she manifested many excellent traits, both in discipline and teaching. If any member of the District was not entirely satisfied with her method of instruction, it arose from a lack of personal investigation. With more experience, we believe Miss P. will excel as a teacher.

The Winter term was taught by Miss Jennie Blackmer, and the results were generally satisfactory. Miss B. labored diligently and faithfully, and secured the love and confidence of her pupils. With more oral instruction, in some of the branches, better success might have been the result.

DISTRICT No. 6.

Miss Ella Baker was again put in charge of this school, for the third time. The attendance was very good, but the numbers were small. We seldom find more system or better order than here. Miss B. possesses a happy faculty to govern her pupils, and we think her success was all that parents or Committee could expect.

Miss Baker having declined further service here, Miss Sarah Kenney was employed for the Winter term. Under her instruction the

school fully maintained its former character in every respect. Miss K. appears to have an aptness for teaching which, if fully and wisely developed, would enable her to excel as a teacher.

DISTRICT No. 7.

This is one of our best schools. Miss Julia Bixby has been employed here the last two years. It has been the purpose of the Committee to retain such teachers in the same school so long as their services are so valuable. There can be no doubt of the policy of such a course. We regret that, for prudential reasons, we are obliged to change teachers as often as we do.

DISTRICT No. 8.

This school, in charge of Miss Ella Woods, in the Summer, maintained its usual good character. Here, as in District No. 7, the same teacher had been employed for several successive terms, believing that nothing could be gained by a change. Miss W. would have been reinstated in the winter, had she not received a "louder call" than we could answer, from a neighboring town.

The Winter term was taught by Miss Sarah Griggs. The pupils were generally orderly and studious, and most of them made commendable progress. Much attention was given to reading, and classes in geography recited finely. A little more *practical* teaching, in some branches, might be attended with better results. The examination on the whole was satisfactory to the Committee.

DISTRICT No. 9.

For want of a sufficient number of scholars, we did not consider it wise to establish a Summer school. We could not learn that more than three or four pupils, at the most, would attend, who belonged to the District, and provision was made for them in District No. 1.

During the Fall, the District completed their organization, chose a Prudential Committee, and voted to establish a Winter school in a neighboring building, their house not being in a suitable condition for that purpose. William S. Buxton was placed in charge of it. The number of pupils had increased to six, but by invitation, the children of a neighboring town raised it to eleven. The average attendance was only seven. Though inexperienced, Mr. B. succeeded very well. We propose to speak of this District in another place.

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DISTRICT No. 10.

Miss Clara Hooker was employed for the year, and her pupils made commendable progress. Miss H. has proved her ability to teach young children well. Much pains had been taken in reading and spelling, and the general appearance of the school was satisfactory to the Committee.

Notwithstanding your Committee believe our schools generally have been as well conducted and as prosperous as in former years, they are not what they might be, or what we, in duty to ourselves and children, should try to make them. There are many little things that, in themselves alone, seem to be of the slightest importance, but when combined, they present a mighty barrier to the progress of any good cause. This may be the case with our schools. With a combined effort in the right direction, we can make them never so valuable. With a lax of duty and feeling, but little or no individual responsibility, we soon teach our children how little value we place upon such opportunities, and throw serious obstacles in the way of their improvement.

We want to say a word in regard to parents visiting their children in their school room. We have had occasion to refer to this neglect of duty in one or two Districts, but on further examination we find several others not far behind. Is it right to neglect so important a duty? The child looks up to his parents with confidence. Let them take a lively and personal interest in the cause of education and in the school. The child soon partakes of the inspiration, and he, too, loves, and heartily enters into the work in which he is to engage. Now, is it too much to ask every parent who has the best interests of his child at heart, to go into the school once, or even twice, during the term. Go in at the commencement, encourage them with your presence and a good word then. Attend the closing examination, and judge for *yourself* whether your money has been judiciously expended and your children properly instructed. It has been remarked—and, we fear, quite too frequently—that we have a Committee selected on purpose, and paid for their services, to attend to these duties. We know that the Committee have *especial* duties devolving on them, and for which they alone are held responsible. But is it to be expected, or can it be possible, that the Committee assume all the duties of the parent to his child? To this there can be only one direct answer. We have had occasion to refer to the interference of some parents with the regulations and requirements of the teacher, and in the opinion of your Committee, in nine cases out of ten, without any justifiable reason for such an act. We admit there may be flagrant abuses on the part of the

teacher, which all good citizens should condemn. But, as a rule, when any difficulty occurs in the school, trace it back to its cause, and you will find the fault originates with the pupil. Teachers are human, and are liable to err. Then if you are satisfied there are serious faults existing in the school that ought to be corrected, instead of raising your voice and influence against the teacher in the neighborhood, and in the presence of your children, go to him, and in a kind and friendly way tell him his fault alone, or appeal to the Committee whose duty it is to look after and correct the evils or abuses that may exist. We are sure that in almost every instance the difficulty will be satisfactorily adjusted. The parent has a right to demand of the teacher that he shall bring into exercise all his energies for the advancement and wellbeing of his pupils; that he shall exercise his authority in a spirit of kindness and charity; in short, he shall do his whole duty. But let us consider under what difficulties and perplexities, what trials and anxieties he frequently labors, and that "to err is human." Then we ask, who better deserves our sympathy, our cooperation and hearty support, than the self-sacrificing, efficient and faithful teacher?

The average attendance of the children upon the schools has been as large as at any previous year, yet there should be a decided reform here. We know sometimes there are reasons beyond the control of parents, why their children should stay out of school for a day. But when the register shows the non-attendance of the pupils equal to one-third of the number for the term, there must be a serious fault somewhere, an abuse which every parent, as well as Committee, should seek to correct. In duty to the child he should attend regularly. For what can be more discouraging than to *feel* that he is always behind, which must necessarily be the case if he is frequently absent, else the teacher must stop the class of five or ten pupils, and go over the lesson of yesterday, again to-day, thus inflicting five or ten times the injury upon the class. In addition to their labors for the day, the other pupils must drag this dead weight after them. Parents, let us look to this matter the coming year, and take one step in the right direction. We purpose to give in another place the names of all pupils who have not been absent or tardy during the term.

Several of our more experienced teachers have resigned their position, and those of less experience have taken their places. Generally they have justified our confidence in their faithfulness, and, to a certain extent, to the vocation of teaching. Experience proves that many excellent scholars sometimes fail of desired success when they attempt to teach others. Our schools are now, to a great extent, primary, and they require teachers thoroughly acquainted with elementary principles.

Unfortunately this is not always the case. Instances have come under our observation during the year, when important topics have been omitted or studied to a very little purpose, because the teachers had neglected to prepare themselves to teach those principles. It is a pertinent question to ask : Have not some of our teachers who have earned a high reputation for scholarship in the advanced studies, and which they have but little occasion to teach in the primary school, overlooked those elementary branches which must first be taught? Teaching is a science ; and it requires a better preparation and more skill to teach a class of beginners, than of advanced scholars. We are glad to know that some of the teachers are alive to this work, and are anxious to avail themselves of every opportunity that may come within their reach. It is very desirable that we educate our own teachers ; and that especial attention be given to the best method of teaching elementary principles, and to accomplish this object, we propose, first,

A NORMAL CLASS.

We are authorized to say that an advanced class of pupils will be organized in the High School, where *especial* attention will be given to the English branches, as well as to the "theory and practice" of teaching. From our acquaintance with these teachers and their mode of instruction, we can assure those who are anxious to prepare themselves to teach in the public schools, an opportunity will be offered here, which they cannot well afford to lose, and we earnestly recommend to them to avail themselves of its advantages. Second,

TEACHERS' MEETINGS.

By invitation, Mr. J. G. Scott, a teacher in the Normal School at Westfield, recently met several teachers and friends of education, and gave a few lessons on the theory and practice of teaching, illustrating very briefly the analytical method adopted at the Normal School. These exercises excited much interest ; and it was voted to continue these meetings for mutual improvement, taking up teaching exercises, and discussing such questions as bear more directly upon the best interests of the school. The value of these meetings cannot be overestimated. The teachers become better acquainted with each other. Here they may congratulate each other in their successes ; they can sympathize together in their perplexities. Their interests are identical ; their responsibilities are the same. Here may be discussed the best method of governing the school—the best method of communicating instruction. To avail ourselves of the experience of others in these meetings, a note was addressed to the superintendent of public schools in Springfield. In reply, he says : "We discuss general topics sometimes,

sometimes particular questions. Sometimes we have teaching exercises, sometimes an explanation. To-morrow I am, by appointment, to give an analysis of alligation. Sometimes we have essays and readings." Similar meetings were held in this town, several years since, and we confidently predict that a revival of them will contribute very much to the usefulness of those who attend. Third,

EXAMINATION OF TEACHERS.

The former practice of a formal examination of the candidate, by asking a few general questions to test their scholarship, has been abandoned, as the teachers generally have been selected from the High School, where we have had an opportunity of judging of their qualifications. It is only a small part of the duty of the teacher to ask the questions from the text book, and know that the answer is correctly given. Beside asking the question, the teacher should be able to give a clear explanation of the meaning of the text. The subject should be presented in such a light as to excite curiosity, and create thoughts in the mind of the pupil. We are satisfied that too little attention is given to oral instruction, and that texts and forms are too closely followed. In order to effect a reform here, your Committee, at these examinations, have partially substituted exercises calculated to develop the resources of the teacher, showing their aptness and skill in giving illustrations and teaching principles. We are sure that the substitution has proved valuable, and in order to make it more general, we propose, at an early day, to extend to each teacher, engaged for the several schools, an invitation, of which the following is a copy :

M......

You having been selected as teacher in District No., for the ensuing term, are requested to meet the other teachers and Committee at the Hall of the H. F. G. School, on day at o'clock M. At which time and place you will be expected to give a teaching exercise on, showing how you will teach the topic to a class of beginners, being careful to adapt your instruction to the capacity of your class, and to the text or rules you will assign them to learn. Such exercises to be subject to the criticisms of any one present. *Punctuality will be expected.*

For the School Committee.

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We wish to call the attention of the town to some of the inequalities and incongruities of the present

SCHOOL DISTRICT SYSTEM.

We beg leave to note the following: First, UNEQUAL TAXATION.

It is a wise provision of our common school system, that towns educate their children at the public expense. One important item in this expense is the building and repairing of school-houses, and we can see no reason why this burden ought not to be borne by the town as well as others. If the taxable property of the town was more equally divided among the Districts, then no great injustice would be done to any. For some years past, the taxable property of the town has been gradually concentrating, till more than two-fifths of it is within the limits of District No. 1, and while it is a light tax upon the inhabitants of this District to provide a house, it would be a severe burden upon the other Districts. The following table shows the amount of the valuation of each of the several Districts, as made by the Assessors, and upon an assessment of one thousand dollars. It also gives the tax of one thousand dollars of taxable property in each District.

	VALUATION.	TAX ON EACH \$1000.
District No. 1,	\$287,744	\$3.48
" " 2,	75,104	13.31
" " 3,	70,168	14.30
" " 4,	58,034	17.24
" " 5,	48,676	20.60
" " 6,	30,882	32.40
" " 7,	35,290	28.40
" " 8,	30,871	32.40
" " 9,	26,666	37.50
" " 10,	30,872	32.40

The school-house in District No. 10 is totally unfit for use. We have neglected to provide a new one, because we believe the District needs, in common with the others, the assistance of the whole town. But action cannot much longer be delayed. A new house must be erected and paid for by this District, unless the District system is abolished.

Second. The School Committee are annually required to make oath that there has been at least six months of school in each district during the year. This will necessarily make them responsible for the continuation of the schools that length of time. But under the District system a division of the appropriation must be made. The Prudential Committee may draw the full amount from the treasury and expend it as he chooses, without supporting a school the required six months, thus making the town liable to a fine of three thousand dollars, while he is neither responsible to the town or District.

Fourth. By a law approved May 3d, 1856, the town forfeits seventy-five dollars of its share of the income of State school fund, if it fails to abolish its school Districts before the distribution of that fund in 1869. The town is thus driven to the alternative of abolishing its Districts, or forfeiting most of its share of that fund. It is evidently

the policy of the State to break up the District system, as laws recently enacted entirely conflict with such organizations.

Fifth. Since the town voted to divide its territory into school Districts, it has paid various bills to the amount of more than two hundred dollars for repairs upon their houses. Every school District but one is thus indebted to the town, and if the District system is continued, this indebtedness, with the addition of the expense of assessment and collecting, must, by law, be levied upon the property of the several Districts. The latter items will, in some cases, bear a large proportion to the former, and in *all* cases increase the burden without increasing their resources. If this present indebtedness is now met by taxation, it will be but a short time before there will be the same necessity for another tax, as the school property cannot be kept in good condition without frequent repairs.

Sixth. One of the most responsible duties we have had to perform is the choice of teachers. We have learned by sad experience that a reputation for scholarship is a poor guide. Had we not known most of the candidates, either in the District or High School, or been intimately acquainted with their subsequent efforts as teachers, we should think ourselves poorly fitted to make the selection. How much better can a man perform those duties who seldom, if ever, visits a school room, or if seen there only occasionally, who has no intimate acquaintance with teachers or their responsible duties? Under the District system such men select most of our teachers.

Seventh. It is a pertinent question, What is lost by abandoning this system? and the answer is, simply, the privilege of nominating teachers. A Prudential Committee can not, under any circumstances, employ a teacher for an hour at the public expense, without the approbation of the town committee. Thus he has only the shadow without the substance of power. And unless it can be shown that a man who only occasionally visits a school, and acts as a district agent occasionally, and over whom the town can have no control, is more competent to select teachers than any three men the town can elect, we can see no good reason for a continuance of that office.

Eighth. It was confidently predicted at the time of the reorganization of the Districts, that the people would take more interest in their schools if the teacher was selected by their own agent. Can it be possible that any parent will neglect the education of his children because the teacher is employed by the authority that supports the schools? We have abundant records to prove that, if the organized districts now take the increased interest anticipated, they do not manifest it by visiting their schools, or by securing a regular attendance of their children.

SCHOOL BOOKS.

During the past year we have furnished text books to scholars at the wholesale cost price. The retirement of the chairman of the board would make it inconvenient to the public if we should attempt it another year. We have, therefore, made arrangements with Geo. M. Hitchcock, to supply them at his store, at a very small advance on the actual cost.

We give below the names of pupils not absent during the term.

District No. 1.—Addie Marsh, Laura M. Spaulding, Elizabeth Taylor, Alice Chamberlain, Annie Chamberlain, M. Anna Tarbell, George C. Ward, Eddie Lumbard, George W. Sherman, Frank Newton, Willie Newton.

District No. 4.—Clifton L. Gould, W. Herbert Haynes, Willie Hitchcock, Willie Bliss, George Works, Mary Cook.

District No. 5.—Ella Linds, Willie Linds, Lawrence Southwick.

District No. 6.—Alice L. Baker, Ellen Shumway, Lucy L. Woodard, Mary Woodard, Newell Allen, Minnie Dimick, Albert Woodard, Charles O. Prouty.

District No. 7.—Mary A. Bradley, Lydia B. Collis, Alonzo B. Collis, Arthur B. Collis, John Bradley.

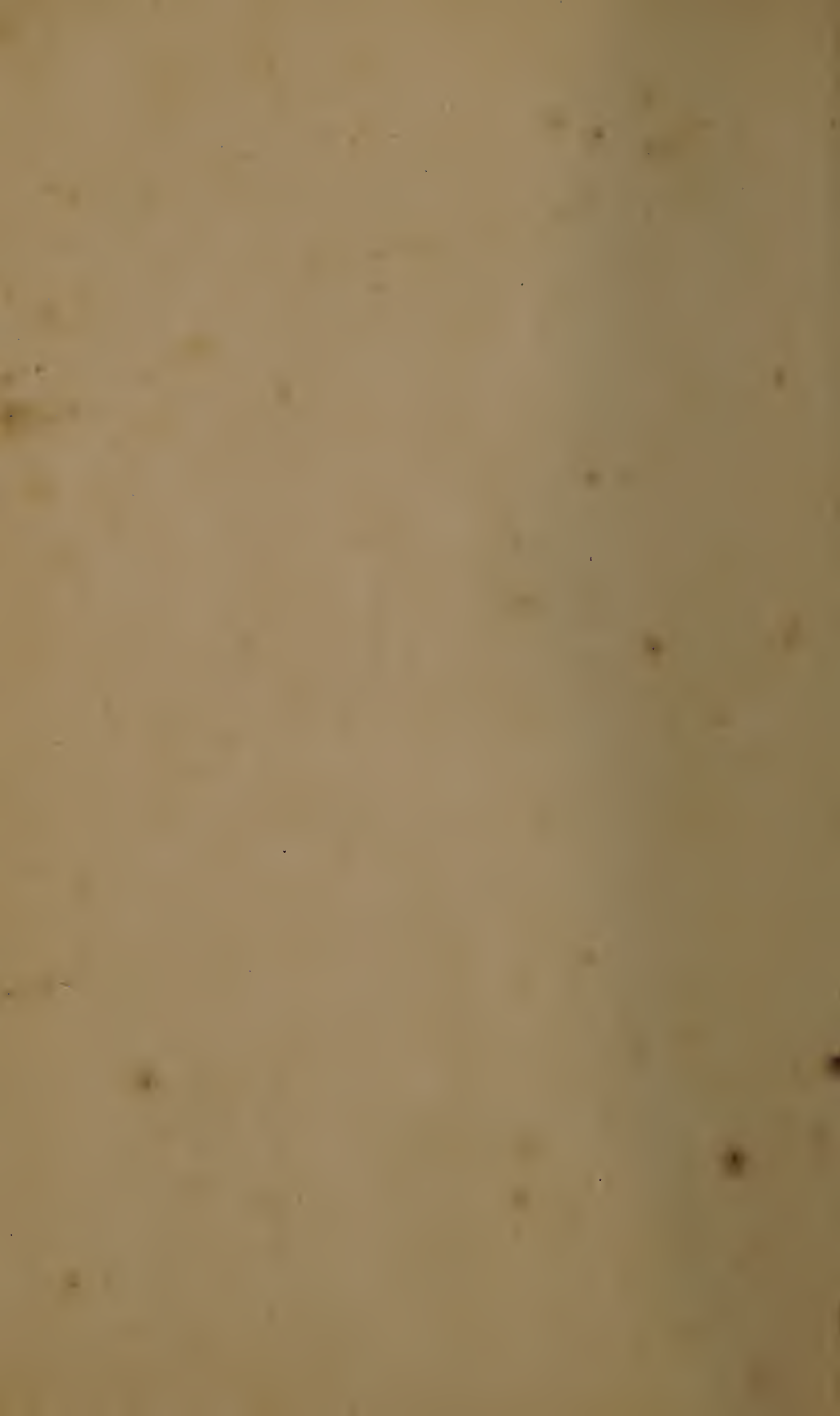
District No. 8.—Mary L. Woods, Frank L. Woods, Willie Tarbell, Charles Morgan.

District No. 9.—James Pendergast.

Submitted by

WARREN F. TARBELL,	} <i>School</i>
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Committee.







ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

SCHOOL COMMITTEE

OF THE

TOWN OF BRIMFIELD,

FOR THE YEAR 1867-8.

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R E P O R T .

FELLOW CITIZENS :

The time has again arrived when, in accordance with custom and law, we are required to make a "detailed report of the condition of the several public schools, which report shall contain such statements and suggestions in relation to the schools as the committee deem necessary or proper to promote the interest thereof."

The advantages which we offer to our children in connection with our town schools, and the "Hitchcock Free Grammar School," (thanks to the munificence of one of our citizens,) are certainly enviable, and can not be attained by most rural towns. Though we, as a body, have no control over the latter, yet in organizing and carrying out a system of instruction, this school fills an important place, and must not be ignored if we intend to reap the full benefit of our advantages. Many of our scholars are now enjoying the advantages of graded schools, and their progress is in marked contrast with those who do not. So far as our duties are concerned, as agents of the town, we endeavor to give all our scholars equal opportunities ; but we can not annihilate space, and bring all where we can best educate them.

With few inducements to remain here, a large proportion of our young men leave us to fight the battles of life far from home, and home influences and associations. Then, as the happiness and future prosperity of our children are dear to every parent's heart, let us make renewed efforts and greater sacrifices, if need be, to give them that moral and mental discipline which they will so much need in life to protect them from its snares and entanglements. Not parental solicitude alone, but patriotism demands this of us ; for our beloved country, won and preserved by unlimited sacrifice of life and wealth, is soon to be what the next generations make it. Constitutions and laws are worthless without the power to appreciate, protect and transmit them.

In previous reports we have encouraged teachers to fit themselves

more thoroughly for their work, and have endeavored to persuade parents to give them their hearty sympathy and co-operation. But little has been said of the duties and responsibilities of the school committee, and it may be found that this agency is far behind what its importance and the necessities of the case require. In this report we will speak a little in detail of our doings for the past year, and the motives that prompted us.

In the first place, we are not disposed to be satisfied with a *do-nothing* policy, while we can clearly see the need of improvement, and devise the means to secure it. As a school is usually just what a teacher makes it, we have urged and shall continue to urge our teachers to seek higher attainments, not only in facts and principles of general knowledge, but in what is of more importance to them—the *science* of teaching. We have done what we could to afford them the opportunity. Mr. J. G. Scott, of the Westfield Normal School, kindly offered last spring to give them a few teaching exercises in connection with the Hitchcock Free Grammar school. Those lessons appeared to be so well adapted to our wants, that it was determined to have but three months school in the summer, and those early in the season, to give the teachers an opportunity to join a teachers' class in the above-named school, to be taught by Miss Emma Field, a normal graduate. Most of them eagerly responded to the offer, and we believe that no one who heard that class recite will doubt the expediency of its formation. We who have carefully observed these teachers in the school room, *know* that they labor with more skill and success. But little could be accomplished in a single term in learning the theory and practice of teaching, and we hope that they will continue to avail themselves of such opportunities for improvement. Few can expect to excel in teaching who have not studied expressly for that vocation; and, in our opinion, very few such should be trusted. To be sure, they will, after a while, learn something by experience; but can we afford to instruct them at the expense of opportunities lost to our children? Have we not a right to require them to learn their profession before practicing it at the public expense? In October, by invitation, Mr. A. J. Phipps, A. M., agent of the Board of Education, spent a day with our teachers' class, and gave them and us much sound and practical advice. A few days later, the entire class attended the session of the Massachusetts Teachers' Association at Springfield. It is our opinion that teachers should be encouraged to attend on similar occasions. They are there brought in contact with the most able corps of educators that ever blessed any state with their labors.

While thus affording our teachers every opportunity in our power to improve, we recognize the fact that the committee can not and must

not be stationary, that it is our duty to make progress in everything relating to the interests of our schools, and that the town have a right to demand it of us as long as they pay us for our services. How far we have succeeded in appreciating the work to be done, and how wisely we have done it, an intelligent public will decide.

We have continued the policy of employing home teachers, and continuing them in the same schools, and think it the true one. Several resignations made it necessary to make changes in the winter schools. We regretted it, but could do no better.

Our visible labors consist largely in overseeing the schools. To save time and expense, certain schools are allotted to each member of the committee, of which he assumes the special care. For the purpose of consultation and advice, sometimes two or more visit the same school. The law requires at least five visits in a term of three months, and as much oftener as necessity requires. We have been guided in discharging this duty more by the spirit than by the letter of the law; visits are not made at the expense of the town, unless we have reason to believe there is necessity for it. On such occasions it is our purpose to be present during an entire session. We intend to know *what* every class and every scholar are doing, and *how* they are doing it. If they are laboring wisely we commend and encourage them; if not, we try to teach them a better plan. This we cannot do by talking *about* it; we must talk the *thing* itself, and this requires us to give teaching exercises. We do this always with the consent and generally at the request of teachers. At the commencement of the school year, the school-houses were poorly supplied or entirely destitute of accommodations for teaching. Two unabridged dictionaries have been furnished by authority of General Statutes, chap. 38, sec. 29. Some new black-boards have been provided, all have been well painted; chairs, erasers, and indexes have been furnished; and, to secure the preservation of this property, every article has been inventoried, and the teachers made responsible for it. Cards, in substance the same as were adopted by District No. 1 last year, have been furnished each school, containing by-laws with penalties annexed, looking to the safe keeping of all the school property.

Chapter 38, sec. 1, General Statutes, requires that "good behavior" shall be taught in town schools. We have done our best to prevent rowdyism in any form, or the careless or wanton defacement or destruction of school property. Such doings have been common in some of our schools. A few years since, the town made an appropriation for the purpose of supplying the schools with maps and globes, and the State gave each one a copy of Webster's Dictionary. These

articles are now very much needed, but scarcely one remains in a condition to use. They have been used for toys and footstools, against our earnest protest. With no one to be responsible for them they have disappeared. These facts have been before reported to the town, but it was not evident *then* that the town had any control over them. By your action the past year we are now the responsible party, and we pledge ourselves to use due vigilance for the preservation of what is now in use or may be procured hereafter.

The method of examining teachers, by requiring them to give teaching exercises on topics previously selected, has been practised with the expected good results. It has been proved that a teacher having prepared herself by careful study to give such a lesson, will be able afterward to teach that topic much better than before; and having given one such really good exercise, the manner is suggested by which any other topic can be as well taught. It may be thought by some that we rely too much on system and skill in teaching; but, if experience has taught us anything, it has taught us the necessity of system and skill. We have carefully compared cause and effect, and think we can not be mistaken.

To secure teachers on whom we could confidently rely, we have been obliged to pay them more than in former years, as agents from other towns were outbidding us. Teachers' wages have not advanced in the same ratio as their expenses. For wood and board the market price has been paid; these have appreciated 75 to 100 percent., while the town appropriation has been increased but 25 per cent. Teachers were willing to make sacrifices while the burden of war was upon us; they now ask us to pay what other towns are willing to give them. In our opinion we can not afford to lose them, just as they are acquiring the experience and skill indispensable to success. We can not expect to retain good teachers, unless we pay them well for their services.

We think it very desirable to have seven months' school in the year, viz: two in the Spring, two in Autumn, and three in Winter. With but six months—the minimum allowed by law—the first term usually commences in May and closes in July, but not till many of the boys have been taken out for haying. The next term begins in December, and closes in February. This leaves one vacation of four months, during which no progress is made, but scholars are actually forgetting much they have been taught, and usually twenty per cent. of the next term must be spent in repairing damages. We strongly recommend that the town take such action as will secure seven months' school the coming year. This will require, at present prices, an increased appropriation of \$150—about two cents on \$100 of our taxable property.

The mental arithmetic used in town for many years was out of print, and we have been obliged to procure a new one. After careful examination of several new works, we unanimously adopted Walton's Intellectual Arithmetic, as best adapted to our wants. These we have been obliged by law to furnish to scholars at the town's expense. This book is not adapted nor is it intended for beginners. For them we have commenced to introduce the study of Number by oral exercises, with objects and the use of the blackboard. This plan is based upon the fact that children learn and understand more readily what they can see. Those teachers who have caught the idea in its true spirit, have succeeded finely. It is a matter of regret that our teachers have so few opportunities to learn the great problems in primary instruction which skillful teachers are elsewhere working out and applying so successfully. Experience has convinced us that too much mental arithmetic has been required of young scholars. Its advanced exercises are unsuited to their mental capacities, and should not be studied before a partial course of written arithmetic. We suggest one hundred pages as a maximum, and fifty pages as the minimum—according to the age and capacity of the scholar—in Walton's arithmetic, as a suitable preparation for written arithmetic; and that the *slate exercises* there referred to be studied in their connection.

We have also voted to adopt Harper's Series of Writing Books, containing lessons in both writing and drawing. By their use we confidently expect—if teachers will follow the directions given—decided improvements in penmanship. Instead of being a task, we believe the exercise will in future be a pleasure.

It has been proved that nearly every child will learn to sing if they have an opportunity early in life, and we have felt justified in encouraging singing in school. We believe that the rudiments of music should, and can be taught in school without loss in other respects.

We have constantly impressed upon scholars the impropriety of rude and boisterous sports in the school room, as not only unbecoming in themselves, but as tending to injure smaller scholars and the school property. To control this matter, as well as to see that the school room and scholars are comfortable, teachers have been requested, and will be expected in future, to be present at least ten minutes before the opening of each session of the school. Some towns require a longer time.

It is not proposed to make a detailed report of each school. Our teachers have labored with fidelity, and their success has generally been gratifying. Particular attention has been given to writing and spelling. Mental arithmetic has been taught in some schools more

successfully than ever before, and it has been done without unduly taxing the mental powers of our children. They have been stimulated to mental activity, and they find they can reason quickly as well as correctly. Perhaps the greatest success has been achieved in teaching beginners to read and spell. Parents have observed this, and inquired how it was done. And, generally, at no previous time since we first became connected with the schools, have so large a proportion of the younger scholars been so advanced as now. But few cases of insubordination have occurred during the year, and most of them have been easily managed without resort to corporal punishment.

Teachers have undoubtedly made mistakes in general management and discipline—perhaps in some instances serious ones. We promptly attended to their correction as soon as possible, and think the teachers were worthy the confidence of the people. We are the last to tolerate any wilful neglect of duty; but we must let earnest effort and pure motives compensate in a measure for errors of judgment. We ask this for ourselves, and we can do no less for our teachers. If they must be infallible, we know not where they can be found. If any parent should feel aggrieved in the future, we ask them to go at once to the teacher—not their neighbor—and learn the whole truth; and if they are then dissatisfied, to report the case to us, and it shall receive our immediate attention.

We have thus given you a brief account of our doings for the past year. It will be seen that our policy has been progressive, and perhaps sometimes aggressive. If it should meet your approval, it will encourage us to further efforts in adapting our school instruction to the capacities of children. We have not tried, and shall not try any doubtful experiments. It is obvious to our minds that “the process of education should not be a painful but a pleasant one to a child.” Who are more anxious to see and hear any new thing than children? With them, “how every passing trifle proves its power!” Why not avail ourselves of this providential advantage, the natural curiosity of the youthful mind? With this propensity in view, we ought to address their understanding through their senses, rather than through their imagination, if we are determined to succeed.

We have reason to believe that we can improve our method of teaching so as to secure better success. First, in orthography. In school our scholars spell orally lists of words prepared for them, very well; but when called upon to write, they make frequent mistakes. The remedy we suggest is to teach in the same manner they must practice—viz: by writing. Objection is not made to oral spelling *per se*, but to its almost exclusive practice. Again, such improvements have been

made in the teaching grammar for a few years past, that our scholars learn its technicalities with a readiness that would once have been thought surprising; but, alas! they do not at the same time learn to speak the "English language with propriety." The best educators of the day affirm that the study of "language," in connection with spelling and writing, should precede by many years the study of technical grammar. It is true that if we do not study grammar too much, we study language too little. It is an important question how we can best secure these and other needed reforms. We purpose here to avail ourselves of the labors and experience of others. The State is now supporting four normal schools, for the education of teachers, at an annual expense of about \$50,000. They have adopted methods of teaching based upon principles of mental science, which have proved so successful that normal schools have been established in nearly every State where it has been thought best to educate the mass of the people. These methods can and will be adopted into our high and town schools if the people demand it. We believe the system well adapted to all classes of scholars, and confidently rely on it to accomplish our purposes as soon as we are prepared to adopt it.

The State has also made an appropriation—of which we pay our part—to help support a "School of Observation," in connection with the normal school at Westfield, where this system is applied in its purity. This school is always open to visitors, and its purposes are, so far as the State is concerned, to demonstrate to the people the success of normal teaching. We earnestly recommend that delegations from this town visit these schools, that they may be able to judge for themselves. We shall not fail to invite teachers to do so, as we have often done heretofore.

SCHOOL BOOKS.

Mr. Geo. M. Hitchcock will continue to furnish school books at his store, at a very small advance from the wholesale prices.

Respectfully submitted.

JOSEPH L. WOODS,	} <i>School Committee</i>
EZRA B. WELD,	
NEWTON S. HUBBARD,	

of Brimfield.

BRIMFIELD, February, 1868.

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ANNUAL REPORT.

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FELLOW CITIZENS :

The resources in our hands for supporting the Schools the past year were as follows, viz. :

Town appropriation,	\$1,650 00	
Income of School Fund,	121 59	
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We have paid teachers,	\$1,547 00	
Paid for wood,	143 81	
“ “ making fires,	21 75	
“ “ Webster's Unabridged Dictionary,	9 00	
Balance unexpended,	50 03	
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		\$1,771 59

But one School was kept in No. 1 during the Winter. Had there been two, as usual, it is obvious that our funds would have been exhausted. Whether it will be necessary to support two Schools here in the future will depend upon circumstances which we cannot foresee. There has been no School in No. 9 during the year; the few scholars there being provided for in Nos. 1 and 3. The Fall term was necessarily suspended in No. 8 while the new school house was in process of erection, but the scholars were provided for in Nos. 1 and 6. Otherwise we have substantially accomplished the intended purpose of maintaining seven months' School in each district in town. We are firmly of the opinion that seven months is the minimum time our Schools should be continued, and that it would be much better to continue them eight months, or thirty-two weeks. For various reasons the Winter term should not be less than twelve weeks, and there

are good reasons for continuing the Spring and Fall terms ten weeks each. Much that is laboriously gained in short terms is lost in long vacations. We commend this matter to the favorable consideration of the parents and tax payers of the town.

Personally we are more deeply interested in the quality than in the length of the Schools. Unlimited appropriation of themselves will never improve them. Had we tripled the wages of our teachers the past year, our Schools would not probably have been any better. Some teachers are cheap at any reasonable price; others would be dear if they cost us nothing. Till teaching is recognized as a profession, to be specially prepared for and followed, as other professions are as a vocation, our children will not generally receive that culture that their nature and capacity demand. It is too late to claim that mere scholarship alone fits a person for teaching, or that its practice can be taken up successfully during the intervals of more profitable employment. The improvements now making to adapt instruction to the capacities of children are such, that it requires constant attention to keep up, and he who does not heed the necessity is in danger of imposing upon a credulous public. The Hon. Joseph White, Secretary of the Board of Education, made the following remark to a class of teachers a few weeks since: "The teacher of eight years ago is not acceptable now, and, if you are not better teachers eight years hence than you are now, you will not be wanted."

In executing the trust committed to our hands we have ever recognized the fact that, as water will not rise above its fountain, so a School cannot be better than the teacher. We have therefore selected the best teachers that the means in our hands would admit of, and have afforded them all the encouragement and assistance in our power; but our resources are very limited in the matter of assistance. Other professions have frequent conventions and associations, and an extensive literature adapted to their wants; but the district School teacher, who is expected to perform the most arduous, difficult and responsible duties of them all, receives little such assistance, and they must rely largely upon their own resources. To this end teachers' meetings have been held occasionally the past year, and we hope will be continued for the year to come. These meetings are the great agency on which we must depend for mutual improvement. Any teacher habitually neglecting them will soon find herself behind. We are sure very few would do so if they had the means of coming. Parents, you can help your children by accommodating their teacher in this way. Will you not do *them* the kindness? Measures will be

proposed to make these meetings more efficient and interesting than before. As a little expense for fuel and lights must attend these meetings, and as they are held for the sole purpose of increasing the efficiency of all the Schools in town, we respectfully ask the town to make a small appropriation to meet the actual expense.

The veteran and venerable teacher of Massachusetts, Mr George B. Emerson, of Boston, has gratuitously furnished each teacher in town with a Manual of School Instruction, prepared by Rev. Mr. Harrington, Superintendent of the Public Schools in New Bedford, for the use of their teachers. This Manual, though far in advance of us in many particulars, will be very valuable to us if we study its precepts and imbibe its spirit.

We take pleasure in announcing that Mr. J. C. Greenough, of the Westfield Normal School, has kindly volunteered to give our teachers a few lessons on methods of teaching arithmetic, &c. We hope every present and prospective teacher, as well as the parents of the town, will avail themselves of the opportunity to learn what improvements have been made in methods of teaching. Mr. Greenough has given all the powers of an active and cultivated mind to this work, and cannot fail to give us instruction. Due notice will be given of the time. We have reason to believe that other eminent educators would do us similar favors, if we had the means to pay their expenses.

As compared with previous years, the Schools of the town have been very successful during the one just closed. We have never known such a large proportion of very good scholars of the same age. Teachers generally have striven to *know* as well as to *do* their duty. It is not often that public servants are more faithful. They have been required to do all in their power, and they have responded to the best of their ability. If any have partially failed it is because all are not equally adapted to teaching, and for other reasons elsewhere suggested in this report. We have followed the same general plan promised in our last report, and the results have, in some cases exceeded our expectations. We find that when we adapt instructions to the capacity of the youthful mind, it responds with an activity and intelligence before unknown. We are convinced that the study of nature, by means of visible objects, is one of the first that a child should pursue. We are none of us, as yet, capable of giving such instruction as a system, but to us teachers the business of instruction has been committed, and we must not long be found wanting.

In one School the rudiments of vocal music have been taught—not as in singing schools generally—in a manner adapted to a child's nature, as music of itself always is. If the results had been witnessed by the parents of the town the most skeptical must have confessed that childhood is the time to learn to sing.

The Normal method of teaching has been tested to a limited extent in a few Schools, and the verdict, so far as we have heard, is emphatically in its favor. We purpose to extend the introduction of this system, little by little, as rapidly as we can do it intelligently, and without danger of making mistakes; but we must have time and opportunity to learn. Experience has abundantly proved that we should never attempt to teach any thing, or by any system, till we have thoroughly learned them.

To show how the Normal System of teaching is appreciated by those who have tested it in its purity for years, we extract from a letter of the Hon. Thomas Kniel, of the School Committee of Westfield. He says:

“Yours of the 30th ult. is received, in which you do me the honor to ask my opinion upon several topics connected with School teaching. Your first question is, ‘Is the objection to the Normal System—that it is only adapted to professional Schools—a good one?’ I answer that the objection, in my opinion, is not only *not* a good one, but that it has no foundation in truth, as is abundantly shown in the daily teaching of the public Schools of this town; more particularly in the School of Observation, (so called). * * Of the success of this School it is unnecessary for us to say a single word. You have seen it yourself, and it has been visited by educators from different parts of the Commonwealth, and from other States, and even from the ‘far West,’ and the united testimony so far as I know is in its favor. The Primary School particularly excites the admiration of visitors. * * * This School (as a whole) receives no special favors, and whatever of merit it may have over others must belong, so far as I can see, to the style of teaching. * * * My own opinion, after a careful, and I trust impartial scrutiny of the method of teaching practiced by teachers having a Normal training, for several years past, is emphatically in its favor. I regard it as superior in all respects, and that there is no grade (of Schools) to which it is not adapted. A livelier interest appears to be taken by the pupils in lessons when this method is pursued, and they appear to have a better understanding of what they go over than they can possibly acquire under the old method. * * * There is much in creating a love

in the breast of the child for the School-room, and the Normal method of teaching by objects is calculated to awaken and keep alive such a love in an eminent degree; the children *love* to go because the School-room and the teaching there are made attractive to them. * * * The greatest difficulty the committee have to encounter is to keep pupils out, and not to get them in. The School is crowded in all its departments."

With what we have seen, and with such testimony before us—the latter can be multiplied indefinitely—we feel we should be recreant to our duty, and false to the interests of our children, if we did not make determined efforts to afford them these advantages which have proved to be so eminently adapted to their wants.

The town has generously provided for her Schools the past year. We never hear citizens complain of their School tax, but we are sure they would not pay it quite so cheerfully if they thought it was not expended in the most effective manner. As this matter is left in our hands we shall expect to be held rigidly accountable, and we shall make every exertion to secure teachers who have specially prepared themselves to do this work well. If others are employed it will be because we are unable to obtain better. We must not be expected to employ any one because they or their friends are our friends.

It may not be improper for us to state here some of the purposes we hope to accomplish. We shall not be satisfied unless pupils make themselves nearly independent of the text book or the teacher. It will not generally be sufficient that a scholar can give brief answers to a teacher's questions. When such questions and answers seem to be necessary the pupil will be expected to respond by using an *entire proposition*. Let the question be: "Which is the largest city in the United States?" The pupil will not be expected to answer "New York," but "New York is the largest city in the United States;" and thus with all similar questions. Scholars will not be expected to give results without giving the process or principles by which the results were obtained. The order by which subjects generally should be studied are, first, the thing itself, or its uses and properties, and then the language, or the name and definition. Names must often be arbitrary, but the definitions should be in strict accordance with what the pupil can see in the thing itself. Definitions should not be required simply because they may be found in the text book, and no rules should be learned till the pupil can see the application and propriety of them. It is nearly a waste of time to teach principles without teaching their application. We object to having topics intro-

duced by such abrupt questions as these : “ What is a conjunction ? ” “ What is reduction ? ” &c. Let the nature and use of a conjunction, and of reduction be shown by familiar illustrations, and in the end shown by the pupil, and then he can give the definition as intelligently as he gives the names of his companions. The teacher often fails because she stops short of success. As scholars cannot recollect a multitude of isolated facts, the teacher will be expected to classify and associate as much as possible to assist their memories. To teach in this way teachers can not sit at their desks with a text book before them. They must have ceased to use that before they open the School. We shall encourage object teaching as much as possible, because we believe such studies better adapted to a child’s nature and capacity than the abstruse reasoning of the mathematics, or to him, the unmeaning language of the text book. We hope soon to see such objects accumulate upon the table of the teacher, where, as yet, scarcely one has ever been seen. The wisdom and beneficence of the Creator may be seen in the various forms of animal and vegetable life. The rocks that cover our hills and cumber our fields are full of instruction ; but all these are sealed books to our children, and will continue to be till they are taught to read them. We know that we are anticipating much—promising much. We are conscious that it will require a large amount of preparation to accomplish even a part of what we propose ; but we are confident that our teachers will not shrink from the effort if opportunities are offered them. They will surely strive in the future, as they have done in the past, to meet all reasonable demands. We do not expect to accomplish all this at once. We expect only to make a beginning, and then to press forward with all the energy and enthusiasm which God has given us, till our children are as well taught as possible.

The committee appointed by the town for that purpose, have erected in No. 8 a plain but commodious School-house, every way admirably adapted to School purposes. It is an honor to the town and to the committee, and has already proved a blessing to the children of that district.

The School-house in No. 9 has been substantially repaired, and made ready for use whenever it is needed. The houses in Nos. 3, 4, and 9 are deficient in blackboards. We urgently recommend that the School-house Agent be directed to remove the boards from No. 3 and place them in Nos. 4 and 9, and to replace them by boards like those in Nos. 8 and 10. It is important that it be done before the com-

mencement of the next term. Blackboards have become as necessary as text books, and it is a waste of time and money to leave any house unsupplied. We recommend also, that measures be taken to encourage planting shade trees on School-house lots. One year ago the town voted to allow their School-houses to be used for other than School purposes. We ask that such conditions be required in the future as shall protect the School property, and keep it in good condition.

Teachers will be expected to be present at least ten minutes before the commencement of each half-day's session of School; and to remain at the close of the afternoon session to see that the house is properly closed.

Geo. M. Hitchcock will continue to furnish text books at his store as usual.

NEWTON S. HUBBARD,	} <i>School</i>
JOSEPH L. WOODS,	
W. F. TARBELL,	

Committee.

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

School Committee,

OF THE

TOWN OF BRIMFIELD,

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1870.

REPORT.

One year since the town voted to raise, for the support of Schools, eighteen hundred dollars; and our portion of the income of the School Fund was one hundred and forty-two dollars and sixteen cents, making nineteen hundred and forty-two dollars and sixteen cents, for the support of schools. With this money, we laid out our work, by dividing the school year into three terms. A Spring term, of nine weeks; a Fall term, of nine weeks; and a Winter term, of twelve weeks. We have expended for teaching, fuel, and care of houses, seventeen hundred and sixty-one dollars and ninety cents; leaving a balance, unexpended, of one hundred and eighty dollars and twenty-six cents.

Had the plan proposed been fully carried out, we should have used the funds at our command. For want of a sufficient number of scholars, there was no school on Tower Hill for the Fall term. A few were sent to the nearest school in Warren, and three to one of our own schools, thereby saving from thirty to forty dollars, and also giving the scholars a better opportunity, by placing them in school where they would be likely to be stimulated to greater exertion.

There has been no school in what was formerly District No. 9; as what scholars there were in that locality, were accommodated in other schools. This was greatly to their advantage, with but little additional travel. We started a school in the Spring, in what is called "Dunham town;" but on the morning of the second day, were informed that the house had been burned the night previous. We immediately visited the neighborhood; but were not able to learn anything definite with regard to the origin of the fire; although all seemed to be of the opinion, that it was the work of an incendiary: and our ideas fully coincided with theirs. The scholars that would have attended school here, were accommodated in other schools, and we hope their education has in no way been retarded; although it has added somewhat to their physical exercise. At least one hundred and sixty or seventy

dollars would have been expended here. We have been asked if we were going to rebuild, and our reply has been, that we did not feel authorized to do so without some direction from the town; although the law makes it obligatory on the Committee to provide suitable places for scholars to attend school. We do not feel it our duty to go forward, locate, and build new houses, without referring the matter to the town. With the accommodations they have had, their education has not suffered by the loss of a house. We report the facts, and leave the matter for your careful consideration.

There have been no changes in school books the past year, except in Geographies, and one class in Walton's Arithmetic, to give the book a trial. The exchange in Geography has been from Warren's to Guyot's. We did not propose to make the exchange at this time, although we are satisfied it is a decided improvement. The publishers came here and proposed to do it by taking the old books that our scholars had, and giving them new ones in place of them. In many instances scholars got a new book for a very poor one. We sanctioned the change, and it has been no expense to the town, or to any of the families in town. One great benefit of Guyot's Geography is its system of map drawing. In no way can scholars get so good a knowledge of a country, and the location of places, as by drawing a map of the country, and locating the principal cities, towns, rivers, mountains, &c. At first, by the use of maps, and then from recollection; thereby fixing them permanently in the mind.

Our great effort has been to employ the best teachers we could with the funds at our command, and also to get those who have been educated with some special reference to the business of teaching, and have also employed those in our own town, as far as practicable. We think it is the true policy, when teachers are really successful, to continue them in the same school from term to term. They have learned the different dispositions of scholars, their scholarship, and the classification of the school, so that no time is lost in getting the school into good working order. Circumstances have rendered it impossible to do this the past year as extensively as we would desire, and consequently we have been obliged to make changes. Some had found other employment, probably more congenial than the care of a public school. As we were short of teachers for the Winter schools, two members of the Committee were induced to step in and supply the deficiency.

We are more and more impressed with the necessity of securing good teachers for our schools,—those who feel the responsibility of their position, and who are willing to devote themselves to the busi-

ness in which they are engaged. It requires great skill for teachers to adapt their instructions to the different capacities of scholars, and no rule can be laid down that shall have a general application. But any one to be particularly successful, must have this tact in themselves; and not endeavor to follow out the ideas of some one else. Any suggestion of others, in order to be advantageous, must be incorporated into their plan, and become a part of their system of teaching. It needs a ready tact to adapt themselves to the particular circumstances as they arise. It may appear, sometimes, as though we expected too much of a teacher,—that by some magic, they will enable young scholars to have a thorough knowledge of the different branches taught, in a short time. This we do not expect, any more than we do that a child, by giving it rich food, and in large quantities, will be forced physically from youth to manhood in a short space of time.

The food for the body must be adapted to the age and condition of the child, and administered in proper quantities for the physical growth. So it is with the mind. Give the child such ideas as they can comprehend, and in a manner to interest them, or their progress will be slow.

We have had several teachers' meetings the past winter, that we might consult as to the best method of presenting any topic to a class of beginners, or to those more advanced. We feel that it is very important that scholars are started correctly, in any and all the different branches taught, for it is difficult to retrace steps taken in the wrong direction. Put scholars upon the right track, and see that they are kept there. Teach them to think for themselves, and be sure that they not only understand the thing taught, but the reason for it, and its general application; and in this way they will have a thinking mind, and not simply tax the memory, to retain facts, without being able to give a reason for them.

We were never more fully impressed with the idea, that one great secret of success is the ability to manage a school well, or in other words, to have scholars completely under the control of the teacher. Some possess this tact in a greater degree than others; but we are hardly aware how much any one is aided when they feel that they have the co-operation of parents and committee. But some may say, the teacher does not always act judiciously, and sometimes commits an error. Is there a parent who never committed an error in the management of their children—who never saw the time that they would act differently, if they were to review the past? Then what must be the clear judgment of a teacher, with children from so many

different families, who has skill to plan, and power to execute, and never mistake. You intend to act for the best good of your children. Grant that the teacher wishes the same; and if you have different opinions, consult with your teacher, instead of putting obstacles in the way of success. Their position is a responsible one. The moral and intellectual training is, for the time, given over from the parent to the teacher, and their impress is stamped indelibly upon the pupil.

Who, that has been conversant with schools, has not seen that they are just about what the teacher makes them. The stream will not rise higher than the fountain, neither will the school go beyond the teacher. If they are enthusiastic in their work, the scholars will also be awake to their interests, and be interested in their work. But if they are indifferent, the scholar will be indifferent. A very important element in a teacher is, decision of character. Scholars at once watch to see whether they always mean just what they say, and really intend to have every rule laid down, strictly observed. If they find this to be the case, they are almost sure to be obedient; but if the reverse, there is always more or less insubordination. Children are sometimes said to make their parents obedient to them; and this, no doubt, is many times too true. Such parents would not be successful teachers, if they possessed the literary qualifications in ever so high a degree. They must have the ability to govern. We have endeavored to impress upon teachers the importance of making their teaching as practical as possible, not confining themselves strictly to the text-book, but using that as a guide, and bringing familiar illustrations to make applications of the principles taught. It is also of the utmost importance that they have a thorough knowledge of everything they attempt to teach. With a partial knowledge, there will most certainly be a partial failure; but with a thorough understanding on the part of the teacher, and the necessary amount of skill to impart instruction, we do not look for failures.

Nothing does more to encourage teacher and scholars, than to see others manifesting an interest in them, and in their success. This cannot be shown better than by an occasional visit at the school-room to speak a word of encouragement, or to correct any fault that may come under their observation. But some one says, we have a committee to do this work, and pay them for it. Do not trust too much to them; for they may be remiss in duty. But see for yourselves, so that you may be satisfied, and you have accomplished the double object—of information for yourself, and encouragement to the school.

A large per cent. of your taxes is for educational purposes, and we

doubt not is more cheerfully paid than for anything else. If we were to destroy the church and school-house, neglect the moral and intellectual training of our children, other things would be of little value ; and our law-makers put the moral part in this strong language : “ It shall be the duty of all instructors of youth, to exert their best endeavors to impress on the minds of children and youth committed to their care and instruction, the principles of piety and justice, and a sacred regard to truth, love of their country, humanity, and universal benevolence, sobriety, industry, and frugality ; chastity, moderation and temperance ; and those other virtues which are the ornament of human society, and the basis upon which a Republican constitution is founded ; and it shall be the duty of such instructors to endeavor to lead their pupils, as their ages and capacities will admit, into a clear understanding of the tendency of the above virtues, to preserve and perfect a Republican constitution, and to secure the blessings of liberty, as well as to promote their future happiness, and also to point out to them the evil tendencies of the opposite vices.” This is the language of the highest authority in the State, and to which we wish to call the attention of all those who have committed to them the moral and intellectual training of children.

In the school days, the habits and character are firmly fixed. If trained to habits of thought and industry in the school-room, they are almost sure to become scholars ; and these habits will follow them in all the various walks of life. If children are indolent in the school-room, they are not honest and truthful to their parents and guardians who send them to school ; for they are sent for an express object, and that object is—their moral and intellectual culture.

By examining the Registers we find that in some schools the attendance has been very good, while in others the per cent. has been much less. The whole number of scholars in all the schools during the Spring and Fall terms, was 208 ; and the average attendance 169. Winter term, whole number of scholars, 207 ; average attendance, 176. We give the different schools, as follows, viz : Center—Spring term, 38 scholars ; average attendance, 28. Fall term, 45 scholars ; average attendance, 39. Winter term, 34 scholars ; average attendance, 28. East Corner—Spring term. Whole number of scholars, 24 ; average attendance, 21. Fall term, whole number of scholars, 28 ; average attendance, 24. Winter term, whole number of scholars, 28 ; average attendance, 23. West School—Spring term, whole number of scholars, 22 ; average attendance, 17. Fall term, whole number of scholars, 26 ; average attendance, 17. Winter term, whole number of scholars, 22 ; average attendance, 18, nearly.

South Brick School—Spring term. Whole number of scholars, 25 ; average attendance, 21. Fall term, whole number of scholars, 27 ; average attendance, 22. Winter term, whole number of scholars, 33 ; average attendance, 29 nearly. Tower Hill—Spring term. Whole number of scholars, 10 ; average attendance, 8. Fall term—No school. Winter term, whole number of scholars, 14 ; average attendance, 12. North East School—Spring term. Whole number of scholars, 19 ; average attendance, 16. Fall term, whole number of scholars, 21 ; average attendance, 18. Winter term, whole number of scholars, 23 ; average attendance, 21.

Little Rest—Spring term. Whole number of scholars, 17 ; average attendance, 14. Fall term, whole number of scholars, 21 ; average attendance, 15. Winter term, whole number of scholars, 22 ; average attendance, 20.

Powers Corner—Spring term. Whole number of scholars, 19 ; average attendance, 17. Fall term, whole number of scholars, 30 ; average attendance, 23. Winter term, whole number of scholars, 31 ; average attendance, 25.

We find upon the Registers the names of sixteen scholars who were not absent or tardy during the entire school year, viz: Willie S. Weld, Bennie D. Weld, Herbert Rogers, William Hitchcock, Frank Clark, Ellen J. Lynde, Henry Brownell, Emma J. Blashfield, Frank Blashfield, William E. Tarbell, Georgie G. Tarbell, Bertie G. Tarbell, Frank L. Woods, Mary J. Long, S. Eddie Powers, and Jennie Powers.

Also, there were 33 more not absent or tardy for one entire term, viz: Lizzie S. Goodell, Anna M. Tarbell, Mary Witherell, Mary E. Webber, Eddie R. Lombard, Hershell Benson, Johnnie Cobb, Harvey Lombard, Willie Webber, Anna F. Janes, Jennie A. Janes, Lena L. Lynch, Netty J. Lynch, Mary A. Redding, George H. Janes, Charles P. Varney, Willie Griffin, Sydna Kirk, Edward Clark, Willie C. Fenton, Willie Lynch, Jerry Lynde, Charles Brownell, Herbert Healy, Willie Hamilton, John Bresneham, Alonzo Collis, Arthur Collis, Mary A. Lynde, Anna Bresneham, Mary Bresneham, Mabel Prouty, and Martha E. Stone.

We have thus given you a detailed report of the several schools in town, as the law requires.

Before closing, we wish to speak of the School Houses. No new ones have been built the past year ; and the repairs on those we have have been light. Most of them are in good condition. Three new ones have been built within a few years. The houses at East Corner

and South Brick, are poor ; but just about what they have been for several years. The former has cracked walls, in consequence of insufficient foundation, and probably cannot be repaired without taking down one wall, and putting a foundation that will stand, and not be moved by frost. The other one is about what it has been for several years, and it probably would not be advisable to spend much money on repairs ; but whenever the town shall think it advisable, rebuild.

We suggest the propriety of choosing a special committee to examine these houses, and report to the town, what in their judgment, is best to be done.

School books will be found at the store of G. M. Hitchcock.

N. S. HUBBARD,	}	<i>School Committee.</i>
W. F. TARBELL,		
J. L. WOODS,		

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REPORT.

Having concluded our labors for the year, we submit the following report :

THE COMMITTEE ARE DR.

To town appropriation,	\$1,800 00
To income of school fund,	169 88
To dog tax,	87 93
Total,	<u>\$2,057 81</u>

WE CREDIT OURSELVES.

By cash paid teachers,	\$1,642 90
“ “ for wood,	112 12
“ “ making fires,	26 75
“ “ amount unexpended,	276 04
Total,	<u>\$2,057 81</u>

The amount expended in each School is as follows :

	Teach. Wages.	Wood.	Mak. Fires.	Total Ex.
District No. 1,	\$304 90	\$14 00	\$7 50	\$326 40
“ “ 2,	235 00	23 00	6 25	264 25
“ “ 3,	232 00	14 00	2 00	248 00
“ “ 4,	232 50	16 12	2 00	250 62
“ “ 5,	66 25	9 00	2 00	77 25
“ “ 6,	194 25	10 00	3 00	207 25
“ “ 8,	192 00	10 00	2 00	204 00
“ “ 10,	186 00	16 00	2 00	204 00
	<u>\$1,642 90</u>	<u>\$112 12</u>	<u>\$26 75</u>	<u>\$1,781 77</u>

In each of seven Districts there has been seven months and ten days of School. The few scholars in No. 5 were accommodated in Nos. 1 and 8, for the first terms. It was thought desirable to maintain a School there during the Winter term. There has been no School in No. 9 during the year. By suspending these Schools we have been able to save more than the sum now standing to our credit.

We see no reason why the same Schools can not be suspended in part, or the whole of the coming year ; but it is impossible to foresee what changes may take place. The town is under obligations to provide reasonable accommodations for the education of every child within its limits. It is for you to decide whether a School-house is now needed in No. 7. If so, it will be necessary to provide for the support of a School there.

We had expected that the wages of teachers would be less ; but the demand for such as are well fitted for their vocation is so urgent that higher prices than ever are now offered. Teaching is rapidly becoming a profession, and can not be indulged in during intervals of more profitable employment, with good prospects of success ; hence, many fine scholars are not as available as formerly. Male teachers are needed in some of our Schools during the Winter term, but it is difficult to secure such. It is certainly unfortunate that so few young men seek to fit themselves for teaching.

We can not indulge in the expectation that the School expenses will be less the coming than the past year. Exigencies suggested above may require a larger sum. The treasurer has official notice that the income of the School fund will be less. We recommend, in view of all the circumstances, that the town appropriate the same as last year for School purposes, assuming that not a dollar more than is needed will be expended.

Although some of our Schools have not been satisfactory during the past year, others have realized our highest expectations, the scholars, generally, being as far advanced in some of the studies pursued as could be desired. The good have been very good, and continued experience and observation have strengthened the conviction that the system of instruction which we have labored to introduce, and which is now becoming general, is well adapted to youthful minds. We educate in the truest sense, when we *draw out* what is *in* the mind ; we fail when we seek to *put in* that for which there is no capacity. Hence, the first step is to develop ideas by the most simple and familiar illustrations, and then to express them in the simplest language. Language, of itself, often fails to transmit correct ideas. It can no more convey to the scholar's mind a knowledge of the structure, forms or use of the English language than it can teach him to be a skillful mechanic. Such eminent teachers as G. B. Emerson and Warren Colburn, asserted, years ago, that "grammar, if taught to any except to the most advanced pupils, *must be taught orally.*" They affirm that the time usually occupied in learning to parse should be devoted to studying the principles and uses of the language, and say, what every careful observer must have noticed, that "the most adroit parser is often unable to *write a single sentence grammatically.*" Thus

what is now sometimes called *new* was adopted by the highest authority nearly thirty years ago, and circulated in every School in the State by private munificence.* The eminent success of the Hitchcock Free High School makes it an important agent in our educational system. It takes from our town Schools most of the older pupils, and makes it possible, and obviously our duty, to give those that remain far greater advantages than formerly. This has already been done to some extent, and we are satisfied that changes can yet be made in the course of study, etc., with a good prospect of greater success. It is often said that our scholars are poor spellers. Why should it be otherwise? How many can memorize the 15,000 or 20,000 words in our spelling books, when each is taken *abstractly and without any connection* with its proper use? Emerson says to the educators of Massachusetts, "Avoid the common use of the nonsense columns of a spelling book. Nothing more pernicious could be continued; the use of them prevents thinking without teaching to spell." We have no space for details, but suggest that reading, spelling, and writing be studied in connection, and that the pencil and crayon be in frequent use.

If it be important to teach a child to think, it is no less so to teach him how to express his thoughts definitely and readily. The faculty of expressing ideas with facility, and elegance in writing, has heretofore been but little cultivated in our Schools. This faculty is a very rare but a very desirable accomplishment, and the experience of others has proved that it can be attained to a good extent by most pupils. Repeated tests have shown that very good and ready writers, having the thought suggested to them, could only express it very slowly and imperfectly in writing. That education is valuable which is at once available.

Most of the younger pupils in town have been taught to print familiar words or expressions. It has been found that the *script* letters can be learned as easily as the printed, and we recommend their general use by the scholars.

A recent law requires drawing to be taught in all the public schools in the State. The practical advantages of this study are not, probably, over-estimated. It may properly occupy some of the time which has been nearly wasted in the study of grammar and advanced mental arithmetic,—studies poorly adapted to pupils from eight to twelve years of age.

As the School Committee have the entire control of the Schools, it may be asserted that they alone are responsible that every scholar, on leaving School, should have the knowledge necessary to transact the common business of life and also the ability to apply that knowledge.

* School and Schoolmaster.

Our present system of School supervision does not afford us the intimate acquaintance or opportunity necessary to accomplish so desirable an object in all cases. The subject is submitted to your consideration.

We are decided believers in the doctrine of rewards and punishments. We would punish only as a last resort, but we would reward every good act — every heroic effort. Kind words and approving smiles cost little, but they are very effective. No objection can be made to material rewards, if they be judiciously distributed; but they should never be bestowed in such a manner as to excite any evil passion. We think it safe to say that no reward should be offered where every member of the class can not hopefully and honestly compete for it. Offering rewards for the best recitations stimulates those who need no stimulus and discourages those who do. As we recall the long array of doleful countenances, without a shadow of hope or expectation of gaining the prize, that have ever been found at the foot of their classes, we feel that the head may properly be the post of honor for the best deportment, but not for the best speller. If a scholar be unfortunate, charity would compel us to give him a position where he, at least, would not be as conscious of his deficiency. If our Schools can not elevate they must not depress.

We have often spoken, in former reports, of the evils of tardiness and absences, and they have never been over-estimated. The most careful observation and inquiry satisfy us that in most cases the absences are mainly justifiable, and that lecturing parents is not the only or better preventive. Let the scholar understand that he is going to an attractive and comfortable school-room, that he is sure to meet a kind, competent, faithful, and self-denying teacher, that he is there to be cared for, protected, and treated by all with respect and consideration whatever may be his condition in life, that he is not expected to commit to memory pages which he does not and can not understand, that he is certain to be taught something new, useful and invigorating at every lesson, that every topic, if need be, will be illustrated so as to convey conviction to his mind, that he will be taught how to apply the principles he has learned to the wants of life, or to the acquisition of more knowledge. Let him feel that his mind is expanding and growing stronger, that he is conscious of its powers, that he is laboring not to please the teacher, but because he needs the knowledge and discipline he is acquiring, and he will feel that the opportunity is too precious to be neglected, and he will not often be unnecessarily absent or tardy. When the above conditions have been approximately complied with, we have had little reason to complain. Such, in fact, is our panacea for most of the evils which retard the progress of a School.

The School property in No. 4 has been greatly improved the past year. The house has been repaired, the blackboards largely increased, capacious grounds have been purchased, and pure water has been supplied, each contributing to the comfort and convenience of the School. We predict that the increased facilities will have a tendency to elevate its character.

We earnestly recommend that the town take some measures to cause trees to be set upon their School-grounds. By such means we beautify our homes and make them pleasant and attractive. Why not thus ornament those sacred precincts where our children get so many of their first impressions? Why leave them bleak, barren and desolate as an ancient churchyard, exposed to the heats of Summer and blasts of Winter, when a few dollars or a little personal effort will make them attractive and comfortable for generations? Can our children ever be correctly educated while surrounded by such deformities? In Districts 1, 2, 3, 4, and 10 there are ample grounds, but not one tree.

Nearly twenty yards of blackboard have been put in No. 3, making the interior of the house as commodious and convenient as any in town. The house in No. 2 will ere long need extensive repairs. We recommend that the School-house Committee be continued, and authorized to act in any emergency where their services may be needed.

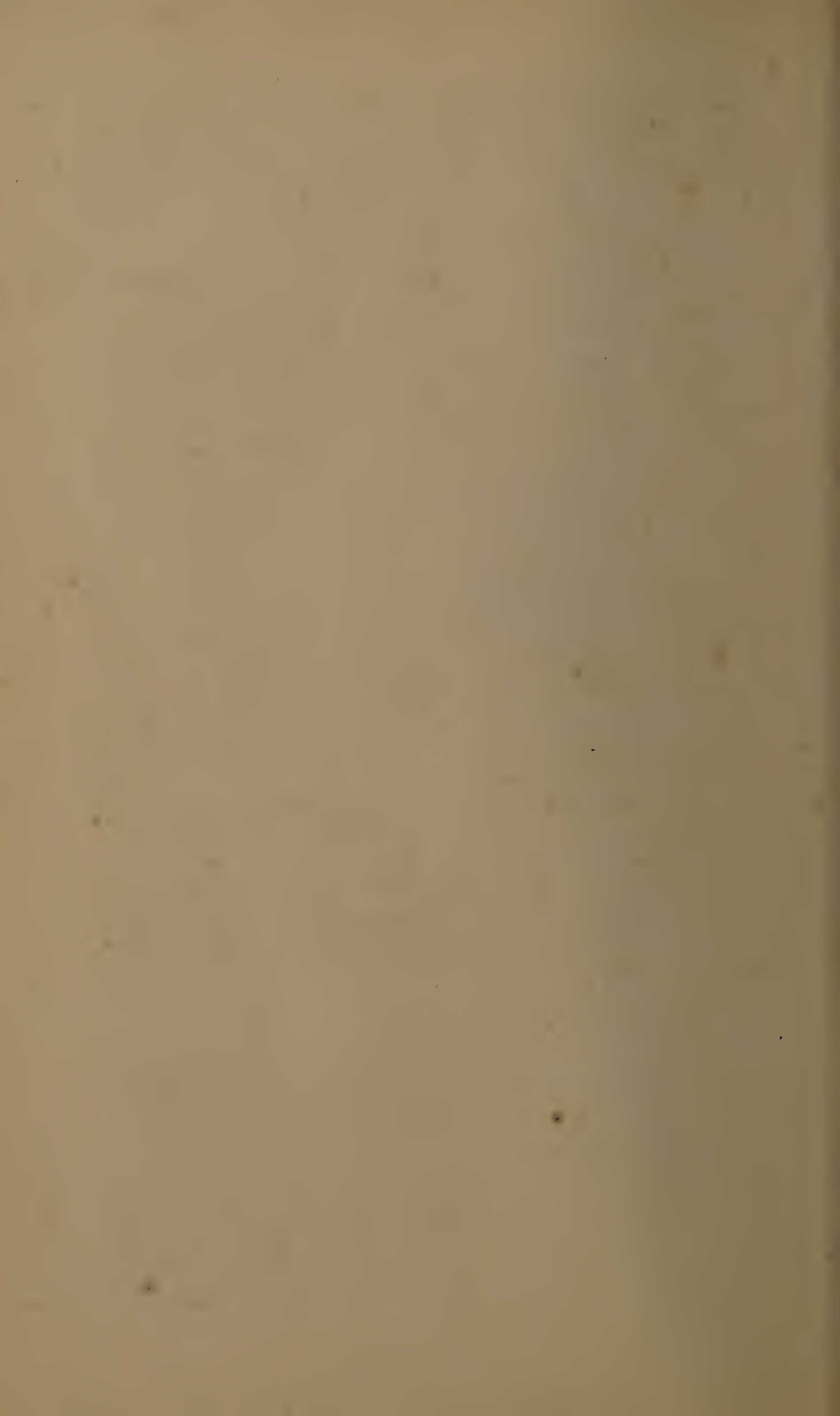
The frequent change of teachers in some of our Schools, during the past year, has not been our fault. Never has it been more difficult to secure such as were satisfactory.

We hereby express our thanks to them generally for their faithfulness in executing the sacred trusts committed to them. We are also under obligations to the teachers of the High School for many practical hints respecting systems of teaching and the details of School duties. As the results of their teaching are better known and appreciated their influence is extending to every School-room in town, and is becoming a blessing to every scholar.

Respectfully submitted.

J. L. WOODS,	} <i>School Committee</i>
W. F. TARBELL,	
F. D. LINCOLN,	
	<i>of Brimfield.</i>

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REPORT.

THE Committee ask leave to submit the following report :

The Committee are Dr.

To town appropriation,	\$1,800 00
To income of school fund,	143 62
To fund derived from dog tax,	110 66
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Total,	\$2,054 28

We Credit Ourselves.

By cash paid teachers,	\$1,712 00
“ “ for fuel,	152 00
“ “ for making fires,	31 50
“ “ for Webster's dictionaries,	18 00
“ “ to David Parker, for carrying his children from District No. 10 to District No. 1,	13 00
“ “ to H. F. Haradeen, for carrying his chil- dren from District No. 10 to No. 3,	17 00
“ “ to Timothy Lynds, for carrying his chil- dren from No. 5 to No. 8, and for books,	10 00
Amount unexpended,	100 78
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	\$2,054 28

The amount expended in each School is as follows :

	Teach. Wages	Wood	Making Fires	Total Expense
District No. 1,.....	\$300 50	\$40 25	\$7 00	\$347 75
District No. 2,.....	240 00	26 00	8 50	274 50
District No. 3,.....	216 00	10 50	3 00	229 50
District No. 4,.....	222 00	19 50	4 00	245 50
District No. 6,.....	216 00	10 00	3 00	229 00
District No. 7,.....	90 00	15 00	2 00	107 00
District No. 8,.....	216 00	15 75	2 00	233 75
District No. 10,.....	211 50	15 00	2 00	228 50
Total,	\$1,712 00	\$152 00	\$31 50	\$1,895 50

Our schools, as a whole, have been unusually successful the past year. The teachers, with more experience and a better appreciation of their duties and responsibilities, have been faithful and untiring. Our pupils, of a given age, are much in advance of those in former years. With more natural methods of teaching, they now get ideas where they once got language only ; but our schools are yet capable of great improvement, and it is one purpose of this report to suggest to parents and teachers, the means to be used to secure such improvements.

In the first place, we must protest against the practice that prevails in some parts of the town, of allowing children to be absent from school without sufficient reason. The evil is almost insupportable during the *nutting* season, when whole families are taken from school for days or weeks at a time, and allowed to roam over our hills and valleys, to catch every nut as soon as it falls. Meanwhile the teacher must remain at her post, discouraged and abused, to labor with the few

pupils that remain. This can be endured, for something can be done with the few that remain, but the chaos and confusion that must ensue, when, after days or weeks the absentees, one by one, return to the school and their classes, is simply *unendurable*. It is charitable to believe that parents do not know how much wrong is done to the whole school in this way. We know that some of these parents are deeply interested in their children's education, and would not, if they knew it, allow any thing to be done that would injure their school. We appeal to them severally, to correct this evil themselves, assuring them, that if it be not done, they must not expect in the future, that the work of days or weeks will be done over again for their benefit.

There is a growing conviction that most of our children leave the town schools for the high school without sufficient preparation, and it is probable that the standard of admission there will be materially raised. Whenever the trustees shall decide upon terms of admission with sufficient definiteness to be understood, their conclusion will be made as public as possible.

It appears to be understood by some that pupils will be admitted at thirteen years of age, if they have studied so many pages. This is a mistake. They will be required to *know* as well as to have studied. Many have entered the high school too soon, and they and the school have suffered in consequence. The privileges of the school cost nothing, but they will not be less appreciated if the applicant understands that admission to it "be made something to be greatly desired and labored for." Parents must not think that the high school is to be the chief instrument for educating their children. It is designed to do what the town schools can not well do, and if the latter be undervalued and neglected, the desired results in the former will not be realized. We say to parents, cherish your common schools, visit them often, keep a vigilant eye on your teachers and committee, see that they labor with energy and enthusiasm, and with as much knowl-

edge as zeal. Keep your children there till they are fitted for a higher and advanced course of study, and you will be satisfied with the results, and they will realize the good provided and intended for them, and will *earn* the privileges which they sometimes appear to covet before they are entitled to them.

We are often asked by teachers, "What shall I do?" and "How shall I do it?" The latter must usually be left to the knowledge, tact and skill of the teacher. The natural method is to *illustrate* before you *define*, and it will most surely impart ideas. The enlightened judgment of the teacher must approve the methods used. The *absence* of consistent method or system is what we deplore.

We deem it proper in this report to answer the former question in part, so that every teacher, pupil and parent may understand. It is hoped that the following suggestions may tend to secure uniformity and system in all the schools in town.

NUMBER OR ARITHMETIC.

The idea of number should be developed by the use of objects when the child first enters school, but only as far as 10 for the first two or three terms, then the Primary Arithmetic, or, what may be better, oral instruction may be employed to teach combinations up to 50 or 60. The multiplication table should not be learned by rote, and not at all till the idea of numbers is developed by counting *to* and *from*, (i. e., by addition and subtraction.) The Intellectual Arithmetic will then be used to page 62. No slate or black-board exercises referred to in the text should be omitted, and others may be introduced at the option of the teacher. Those exercises commence on page 150, and should be studied in connection with cognate topics in the text. For a part of the subsequent course of arithmetic, we propose that the study of each topic in the Intellectual Arithmetic be immediately followed by the same topic in the Illustrated

Arithmetic. On, or before—according to circumstances—completing the study of fractions, the Intellectual Arithmetic may be left, and then topics should be assigned from the Illustrated Arithmetic, from the TOPICAL REVIEWS commencing on page 81. If the pupil be able to illustrate and define each of those topics, as far as he goes, he is surely making progress. We urgently recommend that no pupil leave any topic till he can rapidly and correctly apply it. Our pupils need more slate and black-board exercises.

It is probable that nothing that we can learn, estimated either for its utility or as a mere accomplishment, is of more value to us than the ability to use our own language correctly. Our attention has for a long time been given to this important subject, and we confidently present the following as calculated to aid our children in the *use* of language, if taught in the spirit in which it is presented. The plan is neither perfect or complete, but sufficient for the present.

THE STUDY OF LANGUAGE OR GRAMMAR.

Let the pupil be taught to illustrate and define each of the following topics, using correct language as illustrations, and then to apply the principles and rules developed in expressing his own thoughts :

1. Subject ; 2, Predicate, Attribute and Copula ; 3, Proposition ; 4, Construction of Prop. ; 5, Grammatical and Ungrammatical Props. ; 6, Grammar Defined ; 7, Nouns ; 8, Pronoun ; 9, Adjective ; 10, Verb ; 11, Participle ; 12, Adverb ; 13, Preposition ; 14, Conjunction ; 15, Interjection. Study of the noun ; 16, Number ; 17, How form plural ; 18, Gender ; 19, Case ; 20, How form the possessive, Sin., Plu. ; 21, Form of the noun *used* as Subject, Attribute, Object of Verb or Prep., or denoting the Possessor. Study of the adjective ; 22, Class of adjectives ; 23, Forms of the Adj., denoting the different degrees of quality ; 24, Comparison of Adj. Study of pronouns ; 25, Number ; 26, Person ; 27,

Gender ; 28, Case ; 29, What pronouns may be used as Sub., Attr., Obj. of Verb or Prep. or to denote the Possessor ; 30, What relations may *Mine*, *Ours*, *Yours*, *Thine*, *Their* and *Hers* take in a proposition ; 31, Relative and its property and how used. Study of verbs ; 32, Use of the verb, Tran. and Intran. ; 33, Parts of verb, Reg. or Irreg. ; 34, Modes of the verb and how denoted ; 35, Tenses of the verb and what verb and part of the verb is used to form each ; 36, What parts of the verb may be used alone as predicate ; 37, What parts only as participles ; 38, Voice, Act., Pass. ; 39, What part of the verb can only be used in forming passive voice.

Pupils should not leave either of these topics till they are thoroughly understood and the principles developed can readily be applied to use. Teachers will remember that English Grammar professes to teach the *use* of the English Language, and that it is studied for that purpose ; they will also exercise judgment in omitting parts of the list, or in introducing other topics. Children should be taught language at an early age, but these topics should not often be studied before 12 or 13 years of age, and then but a very limited number of them in one term.

As far as practicable pupils should complete the study of any topic by a written examination or review. In doing this vigilance must be used, that they do not copy from a book or each other. They should be required to write on those topics on which they have studied and have had the most drill, and these topics may be selected from any of the studies pursued. The attention of teachers is called particularly to this duty. They will make it a daily or weekly exercise, as they think best. Without arguing the importance of this we beg to quote.

"It is well to observe that it is a matter of the greatest importance that an early habit be acquired of committing our thoughts to paper. This should be one of the first objects of a school education.

"But another reason for making composition an early part of our school instruction and study is, that if it be not commenced before the age of twelve or fifteen, it will be very difficult if not impossible to acquire the art of writing our language with ease and elegance.

"In writing, the mind has in fact to perform two acts at once; and it can never do this well unless it begin very early, and, by patient and persevering practice, acquire a well established habit.

"Many find it easy to think and speak at the same time—they learn it in their earliest years—while the moment they attempt to combine the motion of the pen with the exercise of thought, all becomes confused, and they fail to accomplish to their satisfaction what they most earnestly desire.

"The only reason to be assigned for this deficiency is, that children are not early taught to put their ideas on paper so as to establish as perfectly the association of the process of *thinking* and *writing* as that of *thinking* and *speaking*.

"When the practice of writing is viewed in this light, it assumes an importance as a school exercise second to none in the whole course of intellectual education."*

The plan proposed, i. e. written reviews, "is the best thing you can adopt."† .

The above is sufficient to show how this practice is estimated by those who have tested it, but it does not include all that may be expected by the general introduction of written exercises. We ask the cordial co-operation of all in this as well as all other means used to give our children the best education practicable.

A new school-house has been built in Dunham Town the past year, at an expense of ten hundred twenty-eight dollars (\$1028.00). The house is commodious and well adapted to school purposes. The black-boards, however, have proved a failure.

* School Report, Boston, 1871.

† Sup. Marble, Worcester, Mass.

We have expended but a small sum (\$46.93) for repairs the past year, but more will be needed the current year. Some black-boards must be made, the houses in Nos. 7, 8 and 10 need painting, and some furniture is required. We also deem it our duty to supply wall maps for some schools. There have been no schools in Nos. 5 and 9 the past year, the few scholars in those localities having been provided for in other schools at small expense.

School books will be found as usual at the store of G. M. Hitchcock.

If the town make the usual appropriation for the support of schools, there will be a Spring and Fall term of nine weeks each, and a Winter term of twelve weeks the current year, commencing severally April 29, Sept. 2 and Dec. 2.

Respectfully submitted.

JOSEPH L. WOODS, } *School*
W. F. TARBELL, } *Committee.*

BRIMFIELD, March 20, 1872.

ANNUAL REPORT

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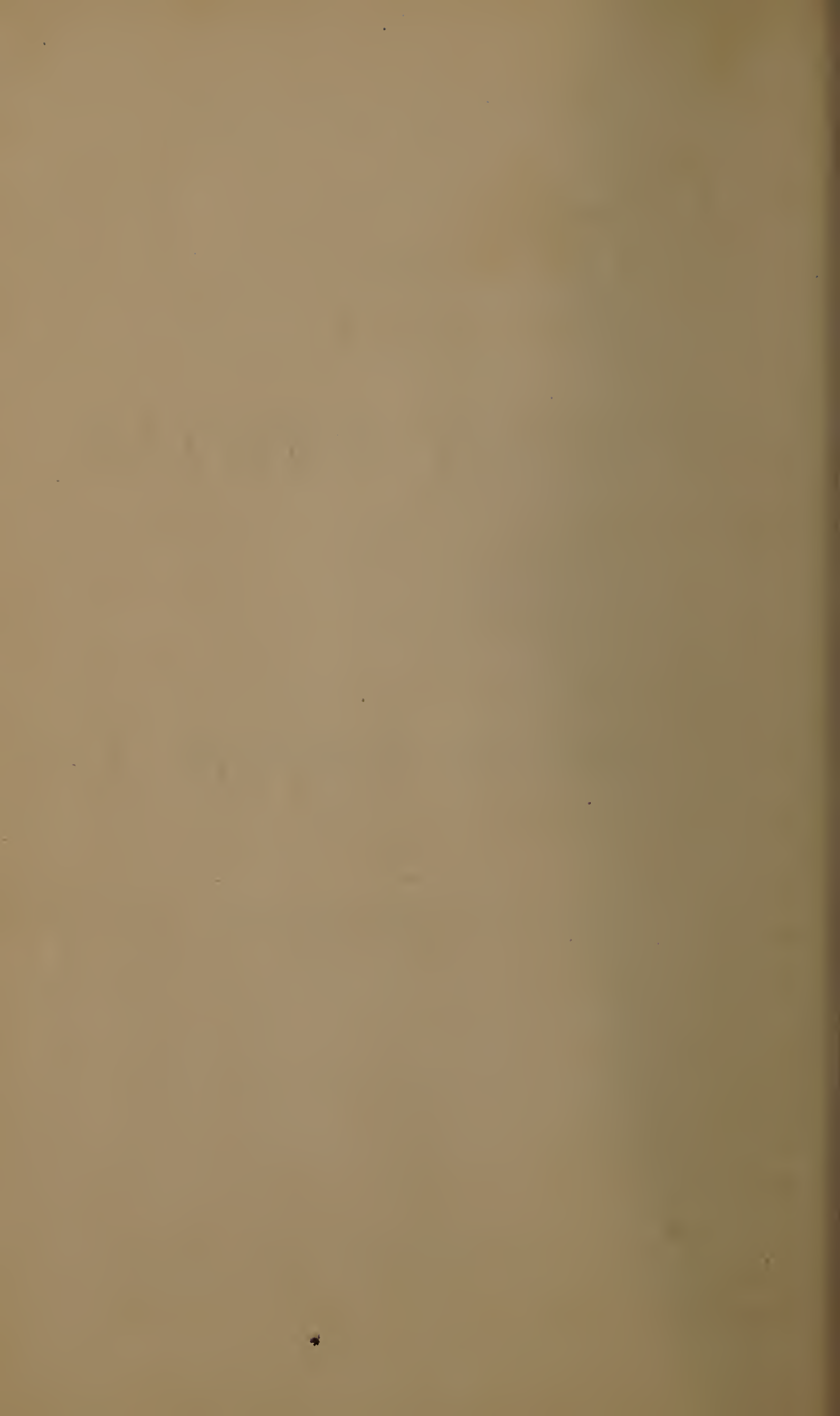
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REPORT.

The funds at our disposal for school purposes the past year, were as follows, viz. :

Town appropriation,	\$1,800 00
Income from State School Fund,	148 73
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Total,	\$1,948 73

We have expended as follows :

For teaching in the Center,	\$236 80
Fuel, making fires, and care of the house,	11 00
For teaching at East Corner,	232 30
Fuel, making fires, and care of the house,	30 75
For teaching at the West School,	201 40
Fuel, making fires, and care of the house,	15 88
For teaching at the South Brick School,	189 25
Fuel, making fires, and care of the house,	20 00
For teaching on Tower Hill,	69 60
Fuel, making fires, and care of the house,	26 00 23,28
For teaching at the North-East School,	213 00
Fuel, making fires, and care of the house,	18 00
For teaching at Dunhamtown,	69 60
Fuel, making fires, and care of the house,	17 50
For teaching at Little Rest,	213 00
Fuel, making fires, and care of the house,	24 00
For teaching at Powers Corner,	213 00
Fuel, making fires, and care of the house,	17 00
“ for District No. 9,	8 85
For Nason's musical charts for the use of the schools,	10 00
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Total amount expended,	\$1,834 21

This leaves a balance unexpended of \$114.52. In what was formerly District No. 9, we had no school, for want of scholars ; and on Tower

Hill and Dunhamtown but one term. In all the other schools, there were three terms. A spring and fall term of nine weeks each, and a winter term of eleven and three-fifth weeks. Whole number of scholars in all the schools in the spring term, 178. Average attendance, 142. Whole number in the fall term, 163. Average attendance, 127. Whole number in the winter term, 192. Average attendance, 145.

In the several schools the attendance was as follows, viz.:

		Spring Term.		Fall Term.		Winter Term.	
		Whole No.	Average Attendance.	Whole No.	Average Attendance.	Whole No.	Average Attendance.
District No. 1	- - - -	44	40 11-21	44	35 22-45	36	25 37-57
"	" 2 - - -	33	21	29	22	32	25
"	" 3 - - -	17	15	16	13	18	15 1-2
"	" 4 - - -	17	12 17-45	17	13	16	12 4-5
"	" 5 - - -					9	6 26-57
"	" 6 - - -	25	21 29-43	20	16 2-5	22	16 31-58
"	" 7 - - -					12	8 45-58
"	" 8 - - -	22	17	22	14 1-3	23	18 6-10
"	" 10 - - -	20	15 2-15	15	12 8-9	24	15 3-14

Your Committee have, we trust, to some extent at least, felt the responsibility of their work, and have endeavored to labor for the best interests of the schools committed to their charge. In the first place, it has been our aim to procure the best teachers we could with the funds at our disposal, and then to support them in every way possible. We have (without charge to the town,) held teachers' meetings once in two weeks during the past winter. It has been the object of these meetings to compare notes, discuss any questions that pertain to schools, and bring out the best methods for giving instruction in the various branches taught, and the different topics of the several studies. We regret that some teachers were so far from the Center, that they were not able to avail themselves of the advantages of these meetings.

It has been the endeavor of your Committee, to impress upon teachers the responsibility of the position they occupy. The moral and intellectual culture of our children, is, to a great extent, committed to them, so that they cannot, if they would, escape giving impressions which will reach on through life. Said the great Napoleon, "give me the direction of the playthings for the children of a nation, and I will direct the destinies of that nation." We give to our teachers a greater power, trusting they will use it not only for the present, but future good of those committed to their charge.

Several things are requisite in a really successful teacher. First, they must possess a thorough knowledge of the different branches to

be taught. Second, they must have ability to impart that knowledge to others. Third, they must have powers of discrimination, so that they may know just what kind and amount of knowledge is best suited to the capacity of the different pupils. And last, though not least, there must be a will force sufficient to manage and control a school. We say again to our teachers, be familiar with whatever you attempt to teach. As well might any one attempt to explain all the intricacies and workings of a machine, of which he had no knowledge, or comparatively little, as to attempt in science to make clear to another what is not thoroughly understood.

No teacher should enter a school-room in the morning without a thorough knowledge of the recitations for the day. If they have this knowledge, and power to control and interest, they cannot fail of success. Teachers sometimes crowd children beyond their capacity or understanding. This is not the part of wisdom. No definite direction can be given to them in this matter, only to exercise their own judgment continually, and give children food which their intellects can digest. Plato, one of the wisest men of Ancient Greece, observed, "that the minds of children were like bottles with very narrow mouths; if you attempt to fill them too rapidly much knowledge was wasted, and little received, whereas, with a small stream they were easily filled, and that those who would make young children prodigies, act as wisely as if they would pour a pail of water into a pint measure." We have alluded to the ability to manage, and wish to call especial attention of teachers to this part of their work, and impress upon them the importance of success here if they would be eminently successful at teaching.

We have been under the necessity of employing more inexperienced teachers the past year than usual; still these met with a tolerable commendable degree of success, and as a whole, our schools the past year have not fallen behind what we had reason to expect. In many of them, we have witnessed a quickness of thought, and rapidity of execution, that gave evidence of the skill and faithfulness of teachers, and a prompt response on the part of pupils. Arithmetic has been taught in a way not simply to memorize, but to bring out their own reasoning powers, and give them clear ideas, and a complete understanding of the work performed; so that they were able to apply principles to practical examples, not found in the books studied. Those scholars who learn simply from memory, may be able to perform examples found in their text books, but will make poor headway by the side of those who have called into exercise their own reasoning faculties, so that they can apply their knowledge to the every-day business of life.

Map drawing has given an impetus to the study of geography. In many schools we found much of this work had been done, and many maps were drawn with great precision. Pupils were able to locate cities and towns, mountains and rivers, with accuracy. In no way can they get so lasting impressions as by doing this work themselves. They also acquire the art of drawing, which will be of great service in after life. Pupils may learn to say that Boston is the capital of Massachusetts, or that London is the capital of England, with very little understanding of their exact location. But let them draw the map of the state or country, locate places, and they will get a far better knowledge of their situation. Let them visit those places, so that the object about which they are learning can be seen, and the impression is far greater, and the knowledge more indelibly fixed.

Let the object about which the pupil is learning be, as far as possible, presented to the eye, and we have additional avenues by which to reach the intellect. Read the description of Niagara Falls, and then stand upon the banks of the river and witness the vast volume of water pouring over the falls, and then say which gives you the most vivid and lasting impression.

The method of spelling, by writing the words upon the black-board, is practiced with good success by pupils of all ages. They not only become better spellers, but acquire a habit of writing with rapidity, and young scholars the art of writing, before they are aware of it. A double object is gained, as in arithmetic, by learning to perform the examples and telling what they have done, which is learning the rule without perhaps before ever seeing the language of it.

There is a difference of opinion between not only teachers, but others interested in the best welfare of our schools, as to what shall be taught under the head of English grammar. The tendency of this has been, in some measure, to retard the progress in this branch of science. We trust however our best educators will soon settle these questions, so that we shall again be on the high road to eminent success.

Examinations have given a fair test of what scholars have been doing during the term of school, and no special preparation for a day's recitations has been discovered in any school. Teachers well understand that their pupils are liable to be called on for examination on any topic to which they have given attention during the term. Hence they see the necessity of careful study, and a thorough review of whatever they have been over, in order to be prepared on any subject that may be called up. This puts both teacher and pupil on their guard, lest they should pass lightly over many things, not getting a thorough knowledge, and thereby utterly fail when put to the test of an examination.

We say then let the preparation for examination begin with the term of school, and continue while it lasts, so that scholars can at any time be tested on any thing that they have been over.

Much depends upon the impression a new teacher gives on entering the school-room. Children seem naturally to have confidence in their parents and teachers, and unless teachers fail to have control over their scholars, or to give them the instruction they require, they continue to have this confidence. But if there is a failure in either respect, the services of such teachers should be dispensed with. We find a vast difference in the real worth of teachers. Some will succeed, although there may be many obstacles in the way of success. Others will do so with the co-operation of Committee and parents, while others will never meet with eminent success with all the appliances that can be offered. And here we would say, that there is oftentimes a lack of sympathy from those most interested in the success of a school. Many are apt to think if a generous appropriation is voted for the support of schools, their duty ends, and that the Committee will do all that is necessary to be done. This is a great mistake. The presence of parents and others in the school-room encourages both teacher and scholar, and shows that they have a sympathy with them in their arduous duties, and desire their greatest success. And if perchance you hear some unfavorable report from the school, do not give it publicity, but go at once to the school and see for yourself, and if there is a wrong it may be easily corrected. But if allowed to be wide spread, may work ruin to the school.

With the advantages of our High School, we should have a corps of teachers at home who are willing to devote themselves to the business of teaching, and who are determined to succeed; who desire not only success, but *eminent* success. We trust the day is not distant when we shall have a supply on whom we can depend as teachers for the several schools in town, and not be obliged to make such frequent changes. If a teacher is successful, it is much better that they be continued in the same school, as they have a knowledge of the scholars, and the classification of the school, and can proceed at once with its advancement; whereas a new teacher spends much time in arranging, and re-arranging, before they get a knowledge of the wants of the school in which they are placed.

By referring to the table showing the attendance of scholars, it will be seen that in some schools it has been very irregular, and in no school up to what we should like to see it. There are unavoidable cases of absence. But every parent or guardian should see to it that those cases are as few as possible. We do not always realize the inconvenience of the loss of a single recitation, which may destroy the

chain of connection between the past and the future, and may also be the very topic on which the pupil may be questioned for examination, so that they will not be able to do themselves justice. We call attention to this in order to give an opportunity to correct the evil.

There is an impression with some that if a scholar is thirteen years of age, and has been over a certain number of pages in the common branches, they can enter the High School. Be assured it is not simply what the pupil has been over, but the real knowledge they possess, that gives them a permit to enter this school. Strive to be worthy of promotion, more than promotion itself, and you will be sure of success.

In looking over the registers we find the following scholars were neither absent or tardy during the entire year, viz.: Tina Kenney, Jennie Powers, Freddie Charles and Frankie Boardman.

The following were neither absent or tardy for one and two entire terms, viz.: Charlie Converse, Freddie Brown, Marcus H. Smith, Charles Webber, John B. Cobb, Everet Hines, Willie Weld, Georgie Janes, Charlie Haynes, Herbert Hitchcock, Martin Rooney, Nathan Powers, Frank Blashfield, Georgie Tarbell, Frank Pierce, Herbert E. Benson, Benny Shedd, Henry Brownell, Charlie Brownell, Charlie Allen, Nancy Hannan, Addie Green, Mabel Prouty, Martha E. Stone, Alice Haynes, Carrie A. Spaulding, Carrie M. Smith, Lydia M. Cutler, Mary E. Homer, Ina M. Thompson and Asenath J. Webber.

Amount expended for furniture and repairs on school houses the past year, \$52.50.

N. S. HUBBARD,	} <i>School</i>
J. L. WOODS,	
W. F. TARBELL,	

Committee.

BRIMFIELD, March 15, 1873.

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FINANCIAL REPORT
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AND
SCHOOL COMMITTEE,

For the Year ending March 11, 1874.



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AUDITOR'S REPORT.

REPORT of the Receipts and Expenditures of the Town of Brimfield
for the year ending March 11, 1874.

FOR REPAIR OF HIGHWAYS.

Paid David Parker, for labor and bills paid,	\$335 30	
Edwin B. Webber, repair Center Mills dam,	30 00	
Arthur B. Brown, for labor,	1 50	
Francis E. Cook, for labor,	5 80	
John W. Lawrence, for labor,	1 90	
E. W. Potter, repair of tools,	6 25	
Anthony McLynn, for labor and bills paid,	75 00	
Thomas J. Morgan, for labor and bills paid,	32 00	
Charles Collis, for labor and bills paid,	201 75	
Michael Shanley, for labor and bills paid,	94 25	
Dauphin Brown, for labor and bills paid,	49 30	
Byron W. Charles, for labor and bills paid,	194 80	
James B. Brown, for labor,	6 20	
Lucius Agard, for labor,	22 00	
Warren Agard, for labor,	16 00	
Edward Bliss, for labor,	85 15	
Wm. H. Sherman, for labor and bills paid,	32 00	
Moses H. Baker, for labor and bills paid,	74 00	
Sumner Parker, for labor,	15 00	
George M. Hitchcock, for labor,	59 00	
James T. Brown, spikes, tools, &c.,	15 36	
John C. Spring, for labor,	5 15	
James S. Blair, for labor,	50	
Horace M. Gardner, land for material,	15 00	
Elam Ferry, for railing,	15 00	
J. C. Hunter, labor and services as Surveyor,	301 25	
Joseph C. Hunter, for bills paid,	312 13	
	<hr/>	\$2,001 59

FOR SUPPORT OF BRIDGES.

Paid George S. Parker, plank and labor,	\$6 00	
Jonathan Emerson, plank and labor,	28 27	
Thomas J. Morgan, for plank,	20 49	
Dauphin Brown, labor and materials,	32 68	
Edward Bliss, labor and materials,	7 96	
Darius Shaw, for plank,	54 55	
A. S. Prouty, one-half expense Colegrove Bridge,	375 00	
A. S. Prouty, one-half expense Nutting Bridge,	198 55	
A. S. Prouty, filling approaches to bridge,	17 00	
A. S. Prouty, plank for King's Bridge,	8 73	
Penuel Parker, for bridge plank,	84 60	
	<hr/>	\$833 83

FOR SNOW PATHS.

Paid Albert S. Prouty,	\$27 40	
David Parker,	30 80	
E. B. Webber,	8 20	
F. E. Cook,	14 40	
Edward B. Brown,	18 70	
Samuel H. Brown,	4 60	
George S. Parker,	4 00	
Daniel Haynes,	11 70	
Charles Varney,	5 00	
Moses A. Cheever,	9 40	
Porter A. Parker,	21 60	
A. McLynn,	22 40	
Thomas J. Morgan,	3 90	
Charles Collis,	18 60	
Michael Shanley,	25 80	
Byron W. Charles,	7 00	
Lucius C. Fenton,	53 10	
Silas Giffin,	2 80	
David W. Janes,	3 45	
John Sherman,	9 10	
Jos. C. Hunter, for labor 13 days at \$2 50,	32 50	
Joseph C. Hunter, for bills paid,	77 02	
Arthur B. Brown,	8 20	
	<hr/>	\$419 67

FOR SUPPORT OF SCHOOLS.

Including only Wages, Board, Fuel for the Schools, and care of the fires and School-Houses for the year ending March 11, 1874.

NAMES OF TEACHERS.	No. of School.	Wages Summer Term.	Wages Fall Term.	Wages Winter Term.	Fuel and care of house.	Total.
Mrs. H. N. Marsh,	1	\$76 50	\$76 50	\$108 00 }	\$17 50	\$305 10
Rebecca M. Lincoln,	1	00 00	26 60	00 00 }		
Cynthia Blashfield,	2	76 50	76 50	00 00 }	38 75	293 75
Augusta H. Noyes,	2	00 00	00 00	102 00 }		
Sarah A. Buxton,	3	69 75	69 75	96 00	16 37	251 87
Dell T. Paige,	4	67 50	67 50	86 40	18 00	239 40
Sarah Hubbard,	5	00 00	58 50	00 00 }	21 50	176 00
Abbie A. Brown,	5	00 00	00 00	96 00 }		
Sarah Kenney,	6	67 50	67 50	96 00	17 50	248 00
	7	No	school			
Julia Pierce,	8	63 00	00 00	00 00 }	18 00	244 50
Julia Blashfield,	8	00 00	67 50	96 00 }		
Charles A. Prouty,	9	00 00	00 00	72 00	8 50	80 50
Calista A. Wallis,	10	67 50	72 00	96 00	19 00	254 50
						\$2093 62

FOR OTHER EXPENSES OF SCHOOLS.

Morse & Whitaker, printing Report for 1873,	\$16 00
Lucius C. Fenton, wood, 1872 and 1873,	17 50
Taintor & Co, for Readers and Spellers,	\$135.57
Less for Readers exchanged and express,	26.21-109 36
Michael Shanley, for conveyance of daughter,	15 00
N. S. Powers, wood for 1872 and 1873,	14 00
James T. Brown, crayons, brooms, &c.,	10 55
Henry F. Brown, text-books, &c.,	12 47
Jos. L. Woods, for ink,	3 50—
	198 38
Total expense,	\$2,292 00

FOR REPAIRS OF SCHOOL-HOUSES.

Paid William H. Lumbard, blackboards for Nos.	
7, 8 and 10,	\$69 51
Nathan F. Robinson, for mason work and repairs,	45 57
George H. Upham, painting Nos. 1, 7, 8 and 10,	22 70
Charles O. Brown, painting Nos. 1, 7, 8 and 10,	101 35

Paid A. L. Converse, lead and oil,	\$83 15	
Fosket & Holbrook, repairs No. 3,	3 69	
Jos. L. Woods, bill paid for repairs,	5 35	
Jas. T. Brown, for nails, glass, &c.,	13 88	
H. F. Brown, stove-pipe for No. 9,	8 54	
H. F. Brown, bills paid, &c.,	15 40	
Sumner Parker, repairs No. 5,	3 80	
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FOR SUPPORT OF PAUPERS.

Paid Wm. Lumbar, one day looking up J. W.		
Charles,	\$3 00	
H. G. Loomis, for coffin,	10 00	
George Bacon, coffin and shroud for Mrs.		
Rivers,	17 50	
Peter O. Day, aid for blind daughter,	5 00	
Worcester Lunatic Hospital, for support of		
A. J. Hooker,	200 45	
N. S. Powers, supplies for Rivers' family,	14 53	
C. B. Elwell for goods furnished Lewis		
Hart,	10 00	
J. T. Brown, goods for E. A. Pike, and		
C. M. Fosket,	8 00	
James B. Brown for services and expenses		
to Worcester,	5 25	
H. E. Sylvester, balance of salary as warden for 1872,	84 00	
A. L. Converse, Treasurer for cash advanced to Overseers,	367 00	
	<hr/>	\$724 73

FOR PAINTING AND INSURANCE OF ALMSHOUSE.

Paid A. L. Converse, for oil and paint,	\$68 23	
Charles O. Brown, painting at almshouse,	27 00	
George H. Upham, painting at almshouse,	27 15	
A. L. Converse, for insurance for almshouse,	75 00	
	<hr/>	\$197 38

FOR MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSES.

Paid Paul W. Paige, for ringing bell,	\$41 67	
G. H. Upham, for painting guide-boards,	2 25	
James S. Blair, abatement of taxes,	26 80	
A. L. Converse, Treasurer, aid to families of soldiers,	260 00	
J. W. Browning, lamp for selectmen's room,	6 75	
Morse & Whitaker, printing tax bills,	2 50	
James B. Brown, for cash paid for damage on highway,	39 63	
J. T. Brown, rent of Selectmen's room etc.,	26 57	
H. F. Brown, rent of Parish Hall,	50 00	
H. F. Brown, cash paid for express and postage,	9 19	
A. L. Converse, Treasurer, for stationary and postage,	3 00	
James B. Brown, cash paid S. Homer, postage, etc.,	3 96	
James S. Blair, expenses to Hardwick,	2 50	
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UNUSUAL EXPENSES.

Paid S. B. Gould, damage from defect in high- way,	\$11 50	
Geo. Bacon, head stones for soldiers' graves,	44 00	
Wm. H. Sherman, decorating soldiers' graves,	30 00	
J. W. Hunt, A. N. Merrick, road contract,	90 00	
J. H. Thompson, one-half the cost of re- pairs on mill dam,	105 64	
M. D. Alberty, for repair of tools used on mill dam,	3 90	
Charles Upham, land damage,	10 00	
Horace Wallis, land damage,	15 00	
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FOR SALARIES OF OFFICERS.

SELECTMEN.

James B. Brown,	\$32 50	
James S. Blair,	8 00	
Albert S. Prouty,	10 00	
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ASSESSORS.

Darius Shaw,	\$30 00	
George Bacon,	29 83	
Warren F. Tarbell,	29 00	
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SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

Joseph L. Woods,	\$40 00	
Warren F. Tarbell,	35 00	
Henry F. Brown,	25 00	
	<hr/>	\$100 00
George Bacon, services as Sexton,	\$65 30	
James S. Blair, Collector, 1872,	48 00	
George H. Upham, Sealer of weights and measures,	12 00	
Henry F. Brown, for record of births etc., 1872,	17 10	
Henry F. Brown, for record of births etc., 1873,	23 70	
Cheney Newton, serving Selectmen's warrants,	8 00	
	<hr/>	\$174 10
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		\$413 43

APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE FOREGOING.

		PAYMENTS.
For repairs of highway,	\$1,750 00	\$2,001 59
Support of bridges,	300 00	833 83
Snow paths,	500 00	419 67
Support of schools,	2,000 00	2,292 00
Repairs of school-houses,	300 00	372 94
Support of paupers,	1,100 00	922 11
Salaries of officers,	350 00	413 43
Miscellaneous expenses,	500 00	474 82
Discount on taxes,	500 00	484 22
Unusual expenses,	200 00	310 04
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	\$7,500 00	\$8,524 65

COLLECTOR'S REPORT.

W. F. TARBELL, *Collector.*

Town tax for 1873,		\$11,096 65
Aug. 25,	Paid Town Treasurer,	\$1,285 00
" 28,	Town Treasurer,	465 00
" 30,	Town Treasurer,	1,117 50
Sept. 1,	Town Treasurer,	698 46
" 2,	County tax,	1,187 42
Discount allowed on the above		
at 6 per cent.,		303 40
Nov. 20,	Paid Town Treasurer,	200 00
Dec. 6,	Town Treasurer,	240 00
" 17,	Town Treasurer,	215 00
" 23,	Town Treasurer,	415 00
" 27,	Town Treasurer,	460 00
" 31,	Town Treasurer,	1,573 09
1874.		
Jan. 1,	Town Treasurer,	500 00
" 5,	Town Treasurer,	736 66
Discount allowed on the above		
at 4 per cent.,		180 82
Feb. 2,	Paid Town Treasurer,	82 50
" 14,	Town Treasurer,	100 00
Mar. 3,	Town Treasurer,	353 80
" 11,	Town Treasurer,	678 00
Balance taxes uncollected,		305 00
		————— \$11,096 65

Inventory of personal property at Almshouse, March 19, 1874.

1 horse,	\$120 00
1 yoke oxen,	180 00
9 cows at \$42,	378 00
4 swine, 325 lbs. at 8 cents,	26 00
17 hens, 2 turkeys,	10 50
6 tons English hay, \$17,	102 00
4½ tons meadow hay, \$7,	31 50
14 bushels corn, 90 cents,	12 60
25 bushels rye, 90 cents,	22 50

10 bushels buckwheat, 75 cents,	\$7 50	
250 lbs. meal,	4 37	
1 $\frac{3}{4}$ bushels beans,	3 50	
Farming tools and wood,	315 75	
Provisions,	189 42	
Household furniture,	255 77	
	<hr/>	\$1,659 41

OVERSEERS OF POOR,

In Account with the Town of Brimfield.

Dr.

To Poor Farm as appraised March 27th, 1873, \$4,300 00	
Live stock,	766 00
Hay and grain,	280 50
Farming tools and wood,	255 00
Provisions,	180 22
Household Furniture,	259 17
One year's interest on the above,	350 45
Cash advanced by town Treasurer during the year,	187 00
Paid Wm. Lumbard for looking up of J. W. Charles,	3 00
H. G. Lomis for coffin,	10 00
George Bacon, for coffin and shroud,	17 50
Aid for P. O. Day's daughter,	5 00
N. S. Powers, for supplies for Rivers' family,	14 53
C. B. Elwell, goods for Lewis Hart,	10 00
J. T. Brown, goods for E. A. Pike,	3 00
J. T. Brown, goods for C. M. Fosket,	5 00
J. B. Brown, expenses to Worcester, etc.,	5 25
Worcester Lunatic Hospital, for sup- port of A. J. Hooker,	200 45
To balance due H. E. Sylvester as warden,	250 98
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	\$7,103 05

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March 19. By poor farm as appraised this day,	\$4,300 00	
Live stock as appraised this day,	714 50	
Hay and grain as appraised this day,	183 97	
Farming tools and wood,	315 75	
Provisions,	189 42	
Household furniture,	255 77	
Am't due from E. Wetherell,	12 00	
Am't due from town for labor,	1 50	
Am't due from town of Athol,	3 00	
Balance, being the amount it has cost the town to support their poor for the past year,	1,127 14	
	<hr/>	\$7,103 05
From this balance,		\$1,127 14
Deduct the expense for those out of the almshouse, viz :		
For A. J. Hooker at Worcester hospital,	\$200 45	
J. W. Charles,	3 00	
H. G. Loomis and G. Bacon's bills,	27 50	
Aid P. O. Day's daughter,	5 00	
C. B. Elwell's bill,	10 00	
N. S. Powers' bill,	14 53	
J. T. Brown's bill,	8 00	
J. B. Brown's bill,	5 25	
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		\$853 41

Leaving as the cost for those at the almshouse, \$853 41.

Average number at almshouse, $7\frac{7}{13}$.

Number of weeks board furnished 392.

Cost of each week's board, \$2.177.

Cost of each week's board after deducting the interest of farm and stock, \$1.28.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

A. L. Converse in Account with the Town of Brimfield.

1873.

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Mar.	10,	To Cash on hand, balance of settle- ment,	\$573 15
"	20,	Cash borrowed and received of Joseph L. Woods,	113 00
Apr.	2,	Cash borrowed and received of S. A. Hitchcock,	600 00
"	8,	Cash borrowed and received of John S. Needham,	200 00
May	22,	Cash borrowed and received of Penuel Parker,	235 00
July	1,	Cash borrowed and received of J. W. Browning,	225 00
Nov.	8,	Cash borrowed and received of John S. Needham,	200 00
"	10,	Cash borrowed and received of John S. Needham,	300 00
July	7,	Cash borrowed and received of Henry F. Brown, Executor,	600 00
June	3,	Cash received of P. Parker on account of Hattie Clark,	14 00
July	1,	Cash received of State Treasurer, State aid refunded,	128 00
"	1,	Cash received of State Treasurer, Corporation tax,	3 82
Aug.	4,	Cash received, town of Monson for schooling,	50 00
"	15,	Cash received of J. S. Blair on tax certificate 1872,	100 00
Dec.	3,	Cash received of State Treasurer, State aid refunded,	276 00
"	3,	Cash received of State Treasurer, Corporation tax,	246 94
"	3,	Cash received of State Treasurer, Bank tax,	1,021 39

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Jan.	5,	Cash received of J. S. Blair, balance certificate 1872,	\$50 00	
"	5,	Cash received of J. S. Blair, interest on taxes,	8 00	
"	5,	Cash received of George Bacon burial charges of Mrs. Durfee,	3 00	
"	26,	Cash of State Treasurer, proportion school fund,	144 94	
Feb.	7,	Cash of State Treasurer, balance Corporation tax,	29 65	
Mar.	3,	Cash of County Treasurer, dog tax refunded,	157 22	
"	11,	Cash of George Bacon for error in his bill as sexton,	3 00	
"	11,	Cash of Warren F. Tarbell, collector, on certificate 1873,	9,120 01	
			—————	\$14,402 12

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April	1,	Paid Cheney Newton, note and interest,	\$200 66	
Aug.	29,	Penuel Parker on note,	50 00	
Sept.	1,	S. A. Hitchcock, on note and interest,	617 50	
Dec.	3,	State Tax,	1,215 00	

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Jan.	1,	Walter Haynes, on note,	48 23	
Feb.	3,	John W. Browning, note and interest,	234 31	
Mar.	1,	Penuel Parker, interest on two notes,	36 10	
Mar.	4,	Mrs. C. G. Warner, note and interest,	392 20	
Mar.	4,	Joseph L. Woods, note and interest,	120 59	
		John S. Needham, 3 notes and interest,	723 99	

Penuel Parker, 2 notes and interest,	\$385 47	
Rufus Fosket, note and interest,	578 18	
Walter Haynes, note and interest,	296 19	
Deposited in Savings Bank for Hattie Clark,	14 00	
Orders for repair of highways,	2,001 59	
Orders for support of bridges,	833 83	
Orders for snow-paths,	419 67	
Orders for support of schools,	2,292 00	
Orders for support of paupers,	724 73	
Orders for painting and insurance of Almshouse,	197 38	
Orders for miscellaneous expenses,	474 82	
Orders for salaries of officers,	413 43	
Orders for unusual expenses,	310 04	
Orders for repair of school-houses,	372 94	
Balance cash in hands of Treasurer,	1,449 27	
	—————	\$14,402 12

LIABILITIES OF TOWN.

Due Henry F. Brown, Executor, note and interest,	\$627 30	
Mrs. Darius Needham, note and interest,	33 50	
P. W. Paige for ringing bell,	41 67	
W. F. Tarbell, collector,	50 00	
For abatement of taxes, estimated,	25 00	
Worcester Lunatic Hospital, estimated,	40 00	
H. E. Sylvester, balance of salary as warden, subject to correction,	250 98	
Balance being the amount of assets over liabilities,	1,256 45	
	—————	\$2,324 90

ASSETS OF THE TOWN.

Cash in hands of Treasurer,	\$1,449 27	
Cash in school book agency,	62 41	
Books in school book agency,	56 25	
Due from State for aid paid to families of soldiers,	260 00	
Due from town of Monson, for schooling,	40 11	
Due from town of Palmer, the amount reported last year,	30 00	
Due from town of Palmer, for schooling the past year,	21 96	
Due from town of Palmer, for plank furnished for bridges,	15 30	
Taxes uncollected,	305 00	
Bridge plank on hand,	84 60	
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Submitted by

HENRY F. BROWN,	}	<i>Auditing Committee.</i>
WM. H. SHERMAN,		
F. E. COOK,		

REPORT OF ASSESSORS.

Valuation and Tax, 1873.

NAMES.	No. of Polls.	DESCRIPTION OF ESTATES.	Total Valuat'n	Total Tax.
Elijah Allen	1	Buildings 850, house lot 50, total \$900	\$900	\$16 85
Parsons, Allen & Son	2	2 horses 175, 4 oxen 280, 9 cows 300, 4 two-yrs. old 80, 1 yearling 20, 8 sheep 32, swine 24, total \$911. Buildings 700, home lot 74 acres 1150, swamp lot 225, Shumway lot 150, Perry meadow 200, Lumbard lot 600, total \$3025,	3,936	69 02
Montarvill Ackart	1	1 horse 125, 1 colt 125, 2 cows 50, total \$300. Buildings 300, home lot 450. total \$750,	1,050	19 33
Harriet Allen		Buildings 250, home lot 500, total \$750,	750	12 38
Saunders, Allen & Son	2	1 horse 25, 4 cows 140, swine 5, total 170. Buildings 500, home lot 500, wood lot 50, Bates lot 50, total \$1109,	1,270	24 96
William Allen	1			2 00
William H. Allen	1			2 00
Alonzo Allen	1	2 cows 60, total pers. \$60. Buildings 200, home lot 350, total rev. \$550,	610	12 07
Lucius Agard	1	1 horse 20, 2 oxen 135, 5 cows 150, 1 two yrs. old 20, 3 yearlings 36, 8 sheep 32, swine 12, total \$405. Buildings 200, home lot 900. total 1100,	1,505	26 92
George Adams	1	1 horse 75, 2 cows 60, total \$135. Buildings 300, home lot 300, total \$600,	735	14 21
Warren Agard	1	1 horse 75, 2 oxen 125, 3 cows 100, 1 two yrs. old 16, total \$316. Buildings 150, home lot 900, total \$1050,	1,366	24 61
Henry Adams	1	1 horse 50, 2 cows 75, total \$125. Buildings 350, home lot 325, total \$675,	800	15 37
H. F. Brown	1	Buildings 1100, home lot 200, total \$1300,	1,300	23 45

NAMES.	No. of Polls.	DESCRIPTION OF ESTATES.	Total Valuat'n	Total Tax.
Edward Bliss	1	1 horse 125, 2 oxen 140, 1 cow 25, total \$290. Buildings 1300, home lot 500, Hitchcock lot 600, Lombard lot 100, Kussel lot 350, wood lot 700, total \$3550,	\$3,840	\$65 37
Ira B. Brown	1	1 cow 35, 1 yearling 25, total \$60. Buildings 525, home lot 150, Hitchcock lot 75, wood lot 50, total \$800,	860	16 19
James R. Brown	1	1 horse 40, 2 oxen 130, 5 cows 145, 2 two-yrs. old 45, 1 yearling 15, total \$375. Buildings 700, home lot 1000, total 1700,	2,075	36 32
James S. Blair	1	Money 1500, horse 200, cow 40, total \$1740. Buildings 1500, home lot 500, wood lot 100, total \$2100,	3,840	65 36
Alfred & William } Blashfield }		Buildings 1200, home lot 700, Brown lot 100, total \$2000,	2,000	33 00
Alfred Blashfield	1	1 horse 50, 2 cows 65, yearling 10, total \$125,	125	4 15
Wm. C. Blashfield	1	1 horse 100, 2 cows 70, total \$170,	170	4 81
Asahel C. Bennett	1	1 horse 25, 2 colts 150, 2 oxen 160, 2 cows 60, 3 two-yrs. old 75, 4 yearlings 60, 1 sheep 5, swine 30, total \$565. Buildings 500, home lot 1000, total \$1500.	2,065	36 16
Sanford Booth		Buildings 950, home farm 2650, total \$3600.	3,600	59 40
Orestes Blashfield	1	1 horse 75, 1 cow 35, total \$110. Buildings 300, home lot 350, total \$650.	760	14 55
George B. Brown	1	1 horse \$80. Buildings 400, home lot 300, total \$700.	780	14 87
John W. Browning	1	1 horse 125, 1 cow 40, 1 carriage 100, total \$265. Buildings 1000, home lot 200, Barrows lot 75, total \$1275.	1,540	27 58
Est. Johnson Bixby		Buildings 650, home lot 240, Bond lot 225, total \$1015.	1,015	16 83
Moses H. Baker	1	2 horses 250, 2 oxen 200, 6 cows 195, 12 two-year olds 250, 1 yearling 15, 18 sheep 80, swine 50, total \$1040. Buildings 1650, home farm 2850, total \$4500.	5,540	93 41
Joseph P. Brown	1	1 horse 125, 2 oxen 150, 4 cows 120, 3 two-years old 75, swine 6, total \$476. Building 700, home farm 1600 Hitchcock 350, total \$2650.	3,126	53 65
Calvin B. Brown		Buildings 900, home lot 600, Lombard 100, Herring 125, total \$1725.	1,725	28 55
John W. Brown	1			2 00
Rev. M. B. Boardman	1	1 horse \$100.	100	3 65
Chas. E. Bacon	1			2 00
James N. Buxton	1	1 horse 100, 2 oxen 150, 11 cows 380, 2 yearlings 28, swine 9, total \$667. Buildings 950, home lot 1850, total \$2800.	3,467	59 26

NAMES.	No. of Polls.	DESCRIPTION OF ESTATES.	Total Valuat'n	Total Tax.
Samuel W. Brown	1	1 horse 25, 4 cows 125, 1 two-years old 22, swine 12, total \$184. Buildings 1600, home farm 1200, total \$2800.	\$2,984	\$51 17
Chas. W. Bacon	1	1 horse \$50. Buildings 500, home lot 500, total \$1000.	1,050	19 33
Abner Brown & Son	2	1 horse 125, cash 1000, 2 oxen 175, 9 cows 320, total \$1620. Buildings 500, home lot 1800, mountain lot 450, plain 300, total \$3050.	4,670	81 06
Oscar F. Brown	1			2 00
Brim'd Cheese Fac'y		Buildings 550, land 50, total \$600.	600	9 90
Asa P. Blodget	1	2 oxen 75, 3 cows 105, 2 two-years old 50, 2 yearlings 23, total \$258. Buildings 200, home lot 800, total \$1000.	1,258	23 29
James H Brown } & Son }	2	2 horses 180, 1 colt 100, 2 oxen 150. 10 cows 355, 3 two-years old 70, 3 yearlings 40, swine 27, total \$922. Buildings 800, home farm 1730, Abijah lot 400, old maid lot 250, Coy meadow 120, Maynard lot 200, total \$3500.	4,422	76 93
Chas. A. Brown	2	1 horse 100, 4 cows 135, total \$235. Building 325, home lot 450, wood lot 75, total \$850.	1,085	21 99
Dauphin Brown	1	2 oxen 120, 18 cows 610, 4 two-years old 80, swine 45, carriage 125, total \$980. Buildings 800, home farm 2600, Lyman lot 200, total \$3600.	4,580	77 57
Samuel H. Brown	1	1 horse 125, oxen 120, 14 cows 500, 1 yearling 15, swine 30, total \$790. Buildings 800, home lot 1800, total \$2600.	3,390	57 94
X Mrs. Mary B. Brown		Money \$1500. Buildings 600, home lot 400, total \$1000.	2,500	41 25
Charles O. Brown	1	1 horse 80, 1 cow 40, total \$120.	120	3 98
Jas. Richard Brown	1	2 horses 150, 9 cows 297, 1 two-years old 25, 1 sheep 6, swine 39, total \$517. Buildings 700, home farm 1650, mountain lot 300, total \$2650.	3,167	54 31
George Bacon	1	1 horse 100, 6 two-years old 100, swine 6, total \$206. Buildings 1300, home lot 1100, wood lot 100, wood lot 275, total \$2775.	2,981	50 52
Bacon & Lombard		Swamp lot \$350.	350	5 78
Bacon, Lombard } & Needham }		Wood lot \$400.	400	6 60
Bacon & Town		Barn 100, Haynes farm 600, total \$700.	700	11 55
James T. Brown	1	Stock in trade \$2600. Buildings 2000, home lot 425, wood lot 100, total \$2525.	5,125	86 65
George A. Brown		Buildings \$125.	125	2 15
Avery Benson	1	Horse 25, 1 yearling 15, sheep 10, total \$50. Buildings 200, home lot 250, total \$450.	500	10 26

NAMES.	No. of Polls.	DESCRIPTION OF ESTATES.	Total Valuat'n	Total Tax.
Michael Brosnehan	1	2 horses 150, 2 oxen 150, 23 cows 800, swine 6, total \$1106. Buildings 850, home farm 2150, total \$3000.	\$4,106	\$69 82
John Bradley	1	1 horse 75, 2 oxen 90, 6 cows 210, total \$375. Buildings 250, home lot 1000, total \$1250.	1,625	28 90
John Bradley, for } Harwood place }		Buildings 50, land 400, total \$450.	450	7 43
Edward B. Brown	1			2 00
Liberty Bacon	1			2 00
Frank Bermingham	1			2 00
John Brother	1			2 00
Alexander Brother	1			2 00
Dutrail Brother	1			2 00
John L. Bacon	1	2 horses 200, 2 oxen 130, 4 cows 120, 1 two-years old 25, sheep 32, swine 12, total \$519. Buildings 400, home lot 1975, total \$2375.	2,894	49 85
John T. Cowles	1			2 00
E. S. Buffum	1			2 00
James Bachellor	1	Buildings 900, home lot 700, total \$1600.	1,600	28 40
Michael Cassady } & Son }	2	1 horse 100, 2 oxen 125, 6 cows 175, 1 yearling 10, sheep 20, swine 15, total \$445. Buildings 300, home lot 900, total \$1200.	1,645	31 23
Abraham Charles } & Son }	2	2 horses 300, 1 colt 80, 2 oxen 150, 27 cows 710, 1 two years old 25, swine 42, total \$1307. Buildings 1000, home farm 4600, Capt Charles lot 1000, swamp 150, total \$6750.	8,057	137 00
Salem Charles	1			2 00
Charles Collis	1	1 horse 100, 2 colts 150, 4 oxen 220, 5 cows 175, 2 two-years old 50, 2 yearlings 30, sheep 40, swine 12, total \$777. Buildings 360, home lot 1280, total \$1640.	2,417	41 93
John Collis	1	1 horse 50, 2 oxen 90, 7 cows 220, 2 two-years old 50, swine 12, total \$422. Buildings 300, home lot 1450, total \$1750.	2,172	37 81
George Collis	1			2 00
John Curley	1	1 horse 125, 2 oxen 150, 10 cows 385, 2 two-years old 50, 1 yearling 20, sheep 10, swine 12, total \$752. Building 1250, home lot 1500, mountain pasture 700, Allen lot 50, total \$3500.	4,252	72 13
Joseph Champaux	1	1 horse \$40.	40	2 66
W. M. Cutler	1			2 00
Lucius A. Cutler	1	2 horses 500, 1 colt 60, 3 cows 105, total \$665. Buildings 800, home lot 500, Hitchcock 1250, Nichols lot 100, total \$1650.	2,315	40 29

NAMES.	No. of Polls.	DESCRIPTION OF ESTATES.	Total Valuat'n	Total Tax.
Healy Corbin & Son	2	2 horses 150, 10 cows 333, 1 two-years old 20, sheep 48, swine 12, total \$563. Buildings 800, home lot 1700, total \$2500.	\$3,063	\$54 49
Alfred L. Converse	1	Money 3500, 1 horse 125, total \$3625. Buildings 1600, home lot 150, total \$1750.	5,375	90 61
Geo. F. Chamberlin	1	2 horses 250, money 650, total \$900. Buildings 700, home lot 425, total \$1125.	2,025	35 50
Francis E. Cook	1	Buildings 200, home lot 100, total \$300.	300	6 95
Royal Clevorly	1			2 00
Moses H. Cheever	1	1 horse 100, 2 oxen 140, 6 cows 210, 2 two-years old 40, swine 8, total \$498. Buildings 600, home farm 1400, total \$2000.	2,498	43 25
Hollis E. Church	1			2 00
Lincoln Crosby	1			2 00
Asahel Curtis	1			2 00
John G. Crouch	1	1 cow \$30.	30	2 50
W. S. Cowdry & Son	2	1 horse \$125. Buildings 200, home lot 400, total \$600.	725	16 05
Peter O. Day		Buildings 60, home lot 40, total \$100.	100	1 65
Geo. & Jas. Dunham	2	1 horse 150, 2 oxen 150, 7 cows 245, 3 two-years old 66, 2 yearlings 28, swine 33, total \$672. Buildings 900, farm 1600, Sherman pasture 500, Crouch lot 200, total \$3200.	3,872	67 86
Achsah Drury		Money 1600, 1 cow 25, total \$1625. Buildings 500, home farm 200, total \$700.	2,325	38 45
Bryant Durant	1	Building 275, home lot 25, total \$300.	300	6 95
Joseph H. Davis	1			2 00
Andrew Densmore	1	1 cow \$30.	30	2 50
John Farrell	1			2 00
Ed. H. Davenport	1	1 horse 50, 1 cow 35, swine 10, total \$95. Buildings 250, home farm 400, wood lot 50, total \$700.	795	15 21
John T. Eastman	1			2 00
Frank T. Eastman	1			2 00
Lucien G. Erwin	1			2 00
Jonathan Emerson	1	1 horse 100, 4 oxen 220, 6 cows 200, 3 two-years 60, swine 20, total \$600. Buildings 700, home farm 950, Bond lot 140, Draper lot 300, Breakneck lot 160, wood lot 550, total \$2800.	3,400	58 10
John A. Elliot	1	1 horse 150, 2 cows 60, yearling 12, total \$222. Buildings 200, home farm 900, total \$1100.	1,322	23 75
Levi W. Emerson	1	Buildings 300, home lot 100, total \$400.	400	8 60
Elam Ferry & Son	2	2 horses 150, 2 oxen 150, 6 cows 150, 2 two-years 40, 4 yearlings 45, 30 sheep 100, swine 15, total \$550. Buildings 850, home farm 1675, Ferry lot 100, Hitchcock lot 75, total \$2700.	3,305	59 37

NAMES.	No. of Polls.	DESCRIPTION OF ESTATES.	Total Valuat'n	Total Tax.
Elam Ferry for } Green Place } Theodore Farrell	1	Buildings 250, home farm 250, total \$500.	\$500	\$8 25
	1	3 horses 400, 4 oxen 300, 5 cows 150, 1 two-years 10, swine 10, total \$870. Buildings 600, home farm 1100, (\$1700 total).	2,570	44 41
Lewis Farrell	1	Buildings 350, home lot 350, total \$700.	700	13 55
Rufus Fosket	1	Money 550, 1 cow 35, 4 two-years old 80, total \$665. House, barn, saw and grist mills 1700, home farm 853, total \$2555.	3,220	55 06
Fosket & Holbrook	1	Stock in trade 800, 4 horses 400, 1 carriage 125, total \$1325.	1,325	23 95
Winslow Fosket	1			2 00
Ephraim Fenton	1	3 horses 150, 1 cow 35, total 185. Building 800, Aldrich 100, total \$900	1,085	19 99
Benj. D. Fenton	1	1 horse 50, 2 oxen 275, 2 cows 75, 3 yearlings 35, 1 sheep 8, total \$343. Buildings 900, home farm 1200, total \$2100.	2,443	42 26
Thomas Fitzgerald	1	1 horse 100, 4 cows 140, total \$240. $\frac{1}{2}$ buildings 340, home farm 660, total \$1000.	1,240	22 46
Lucius C. Fenton	1	4 horses 300, 2 oxen 170, 9 cows 250, 7 two-years 155, swine 18, total \$893. Buildings 900, home farm 1800, Gasset lot 100, total \$2800.	3,693	62 89
Lester K. Fuller	1	1 cow 25, buildings 200, home farm 300, total \$500.	525	10 75
L. C. Ferry	1			2 00
William Fosket	1	1 horse 140, 2 oxen 140, 4 cows 125, 2 sheep 10, 1 carriage 75, total \$490. Buildings 800, farm 1600, total \$2400.	2,890	49 69
Elijah Fosket	1	1 horse 50, 2 two-years old 40, 1 yearling 12, total \$102. Buildings 250, home farm 250, Marsh lot 125, total \$625.	727	14 05
Justus K. Fay	1	1 horse 50, 2 cows 66, $\frac{1}{2}$ sheep 4, total \$110. Buildings 500, home farm 800, total \$1300.	1,410	25 27
H. C. Furgerson	1			2 00
Stillman M. Fay	1	Stock in trade 100, 2 shops and land 400.	500	10 25
William Frink	1			2 00
Mrs. Betsey Ferry	1	1 horse 65, 2 oxen 160, 3 cows 85, total \$310. Buildings 750, home farm 1750, total \$2500.	2,810	46 37
Ferry & Dix	2	2 horses 240, 2 oxen 125, 11 cows 340, 1 two-years old 20, 1 yearling 15, swine 40, carriage 50, total \$830. Buildings 1000, home farm, 1400, Gleason lot 200, total \$2600.	3,430	60 60

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Lyman P. Green	1	1 horse 75, cow 35, 1 two-years old 20, total \$130. Buildings 280, home farm 150, total \$430.	\$560	\$11 25
William H. Green	1	1 horse 100, 1 cow 30, 3 two-years old 75, 2 yearlings 25, 2 sheep 20, total \$250. Buildings 350, home farm 550, total \$900.	1,150	20 98
Solomon S. Goold	1	1 horse 125, buildings 400, home lot 200, total \$600.	725	14 05
John Gates	1	1 cow 35.	35	2 66
A. W. Griggs & Son	2	1 horse 70, 3 cows 105, 1 two-years old 22, 2 yearlings 28, total \$225. Buildings 450, home farm 750, total \$1200,	1,425	27 60
Nathan M. Goodale	1	1 cow 35, buildings 1600, home lot 300, total \$1900.	1,935	24 01
Alden Goodell	1			2 00
Celesta M. Goodell	1	1 horse 20, 1 cow 35, total \$55. Buildings 400, home farm 400, total \$800.	855	14 19
Levins Groves	1	1 cow 30.	30	50
James L. Groves	1	1 horse 80, 3 cows 90, total \$170. Buildings 200, home farm 500, total \$700.	870	16 36
William B. Groves	1	1 horse 30, buildings 200, home lot 50, total \$250.	280	6 63
William A. Gilbert	1	1 horse 75, shop 50, Webber lot 150, total \$200.	275	6 62
Horace M. Gardner	1	1 horse 50, 2 oxen 140, 3 cows 80, swine 18, total \$288. Buildings 500, home lot 900, total \$1400.	1,688	29 89
Silas C. Giffin	1	2 oxen 150, 2 cows 60, 2 two-years old 45, 2 sheep 10, swine 10, total \$275.	275	6 62
David A. Grover	1	1 horse 32.	32	2 50
Samuel B. Gould	1	11 horses 750, 1 cow 30, carriages 150, total \$930 Buildings 600, home farm 400, total \$1000, real.	1,930	33 85
Frederick H. Gates	1			2 00
George W. Gray	1			2 00
George H. Gray	1	1 horse 60, 1 cow 25, total \$85, personal.	85	3 49
James Hannon	1	1 horse 100, 3 cows 100, 1 sheep 3, swine 22, total \$225. $\frac{1}{2}$ buildings • 340, home farm 660, total \$1000.	1,225	22 30
Newton S. Hubbard	1	2 horses 180, 2 oxen 130, 18 cows 630, 5 yearlings 70, total \$1010. Buildings 900, home lot 1925, Dix pasture 900, Hill pasture 275, total \$4000.	5,010	84 67
Geo. M. Hitchcock	1	Stock in trade 2600, 1 horse 125, total \$2725. Building 1350, home farm 1150, total \$2500.	5,225	88 30
William K. Howard	1	1 horse 100, 3 cows 100, total \$200. Buildings 400, home farm 650, total \$1050.	1,250	22 63
Alexander Harwood	1	2 cows 50, 2 two-years old 35, 17 sheep 68, total \$153. Buildings 400, home farm 400, total \$800.	953	17 68

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Daniel Howard	1	1 cow 30, 1 yearling 12, total 42. Buildings 150, home lot 100, total \$250.	\$292	\$6 79
Marcus Hitchcock	1	1 horse 75, 3 cows 90, 1 yearling 13, swine 10, total \$188. Buildings 800 home farm 1000, total \$1800.	1,988	34 84
Ed. W. Hitchcock	1	1 horse 50, 4 cows 110, swine 6, total \$166. Buildings 550, home farm 550, total \$1100.	1,266	22 96
Wm. E. Hitchcock	1	2 oxen 110, 12 cows 300, 4 two-years old 80, 8 yearlings 100, swine 18, total \$608. Buildings 450, home farm 1750, total \$2200.	2,808	48 37
Wm. E. Hitchcock } for Andrews } Place }		Buildings 550, farm 1050, total \$1600.	1,600	26 40
Samuel Hubbard		Buildings 200, home lot 50, total \$250.	250	4 13
Harvey D. Hall	1	2 oxen 150, 7 cows 245, 2 two-years old 50, swine 5, total \$450. Buildings 400, home farm 1600, total \$2000.	2,450	42 43
Joseph C. Hunter	1	1 horse 75, 1 cow 40, total \$115. Buildings \$350, home lot 175, Page lot 125, wood lot 100, total \$750.	865	16 36
Mrs. C. Herring		Buildings 1900, home lots 1200, wood lot 100, total \$3200.	3,200	52 80
Mrs. C. Herring, } for Barrows Pl. }		Buildings 1050, home lot 150, heater piece 150, total \$1350.	1,350	22 28
S. A. Hitchcock	1	Money 87,500. Buildings 1700, home lot 800, total \$2500.	90,000	1,487 00
Mrs. R. B. Homer		Money \$3800. Buildings 1300, home lot 200, total \$1500.	5,300	87 45
James Harvey	1	1 cow 25, buildings 300, home lot 100, total \$400.	425	9 09
Ansel Holbrook	1	1 horse 80, 2 oxen 150, 15 cows 495, 3 two-years old 60, 3 yearlings 42, swine 36, total \$863. Buildings 550, home lot 1250, Dunbar lot 600, Lyman lot 450, total \$2850.	3,713	63 22
Abiram Holbrook	1			2 00
Daniel Haynes	1	Buildings 150, home lot 100, total \$250, real.	250	6 13
Solomon Homer	1	Money 1200, 1 cow 40, total \$1240. Buildings 500, home lot 100, Bliss lot 175, total \$775.	2,015	35 33
Chandler Healy	1			2 00
Luther B. Healy	1			2 00
Walter Haynes	1	Money 325, 1 horse 50, 2 cows 70, total \$445. Buildings 500, home farm 400, total \$900.	1,345	24 19
Dwight Harvey	1			2 00
Lewis Holdridge	1			2 00
Geo. F. Holdridge	1	1 horse 100, 2 cows 50, total \$150. Buildings 300, home lot 200, Stebins lot 1300, total \$1800.	1,950	34 18

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John Hopkins	1			\$2 00
Edwin F. Hitchcock	1	5 horses \$500.		10 25
Anson Hubbard	1			2 00
James M. Harvey	1			2 00
Lewis Heart	1			2 00
Orael Howe	1	1 horse 100, 2 oxen 150, 25 cows 875, 1 two years old 18, 11 sheep 60, swine 27, total \$1230. Buildings 1000, home farm 2200, Lyman lot 300, total \$3500.	\$4,730	80 05
Daniel Howell	1	2 horses 100, buildings 500, land 1100, total \$1600.	1,700	30 05
John Hinds	1			2 00
William D. Herring	1			2 00
Harvey Janes & Son	2	1 horse 120, 6 oxen 375, 4 cows 110, 2 two years old 40, 2 sheep 10, swine 12, total \$747. Buildings 950, home farm 950, wild meadow 175, total \$2075.	2,822	50 70
David W. Janes	1	1 horse 75, 6 oxen 350, 6 cows 180, 1 sheep, 6 swine 18, total \$623. Buildings 950, home farm 980, Bruce lot 20, Bond lot 100, Shumway lot 150, total 2200.	2,823	48 53
Patrick Johnson	1	2 horses 160, 2 oxen 130, 4 cows 100, 2 two years old 45, 1 yearling 15, 2 sheep 10, total \$460. Buildings 350, home farm 550, total \$900.	1,360	24 44
William S. Janes	1	1 horse 125, 2 oxen 140, 7 cows 250, total \$515. Buildings 1000, home farm and out lots 1500, total \$2500.	3,015	51 83
Edwin A. Janes	1	1 horse 100, 4 oxen 200, 5 cows 167, 1 two years old 16, swine 12, total \$495. Buildings 450, home farm 1000, Falls meadow 50, Bond lot 100, total \$1600.	2,095	36 65
Lawson Kenney	1	Money 500, 1 horse 75, 2 oxen 150, 1 cow 35, 1 two years old 30, total 790. Buildings 500, home lot 400, total \$900	1,690	29 89
Mrs. T. Knight		Buildings 1500, home lot, 300, total \$1800 personal.	1,800	29 70
Dwight Lumbard	1	Buildings 500, home farm 1400, total \$1900 real.	1,900	31 35
Alfred Lumbard	1	2 horses 200, 2 oxen 140, 2 cows 60, swine 8, total \$408. Buildings 800, home farm 1100, total \$1900.	2,308	40 12 2 00
Emery Livermore	1			
Emery Livermore } for John Bond }		Money \$400.	400	6 60
Harvey Lumbard	1	1 horse 30, 2 oxen 130, 4 cows 100, 2 two years old 40, total \$300. Buildings 900, home farm 1400, total \$2300.	2,600	44 90
Edward Lee	1	1 horse 70, 2 oxen 100, 2 cows 50, 1 two-years old 15, 1 yearling 12,		

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Roswell Lumbard	1	swine 6, total \$253. Buildings 300, home farm 500, total \$800.	\$1,053	\$19 33
William Lumbard	1	1 cow \$30.	30	2 50
	1	2 horses 150, 2 oxen 110, 9 cows 270, 8 two-years old 160, 1 yearling 12, 1 sheep 6, swine 10, total \$718. Buildings 900, home lot 1600, total \$2500.	3,218	55 13
John F. Lumbard	1	3 horses 220, 1 cow 40, swine 6, total \$266. Buildings 500, home lot 400, total \$900.	1,166	21 31
F. D. Lincoln	1	3 horses 250, 8 cows 266, swine 30, total \$546. Buildings 1000, home farm 2100, Lumbard lot 100, Haynes lot 150, total \$3350.	3,896	66 36
Frank Locke	1	Chamberlin mountain 100, do. Chamberlin lot, 275, total \$375.	375	8 27
Washington Lamb	1			2 00
H. A. Lamb	1	1 horse 75, $\frac{1}{2}$ sheep 4, 2 cows 60, total \$139.	139	4 31
Anthony McLynn	1	1 horse 100, 2 oxen 125, 6 cows 175, 3 two-years old 60, 4 sheep 15, carriage 75, total \$550. Buildings 400, home farm 500, total \$900.	1,450	25 93
J. C. Lloyd	1	1 cow \$35.	35	2 66
Liberty Marsh	1	4 cows \$140. Buildings 400, home farm 500, total \$900.	1,040	19 16
John W. Morgan	1	1 horse 125, 1 cow 40, total \$165. Buildings 900, farm 500, total \$1400.	1,565	27 91
E. C. Marsh	1	1 horse 100, 2 oxen 150, 8 cows 280, 3 yearlings 45, carriage 100, total \$675. Buildings 1000, home farm 1760, total \$2760.	3,435	58 76
Thomas J. Morgan	1	Stock in trade 600, 1 horse 150, 6 oxen 375, 4 cows 140, swine 25, total \$1280. Buildings 1400, home farm 1400, total \$2800.	4,080	69 32
David A. Moulton	1	2 horses 50, 4 cows 100, 3 two-years old 60, 1 yearling 12, total \$222. Buildings 400, home farm 600, total \$1000.	1,222	22 13
Michael Maloney	1	1 horse 50, 2 oxen 100, 3 cows 60, 2 two-years old 30, 50 sheep 175, total \$415. Buildings 100, home farm 900, total \$1000.	1,415	25 43
P. McIntyre & Son	2	1 horse 50, 2 oxen 13, 8 cows 250, 1 yearling 15, 1 sheep 5, swine 3, total \$480. Buildings 450, home farm 1550, total \$2000.	2,480	44 92
Needham Moulton	1	1 horse 30, swine 9, total \$39. Buildings 100, home lot 100, total \$200.	239	5 96
Amos Munroe	1	3 horses 300, 2 cows 50, swine 10, carriage 125, total \$485. Buildings 4750, land 250, Wheeler lot 125, total \$5125.	5,610	94 57

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Albert W. Moore	1	1 horse \$75.	\$75	\$3 32
B. J. Mann & Lloyd		1 cow 35, swine 6, total \$41. Build- ings 3700, home lot 300, total \$4000.	4,041	68 66
John Milton	1			2 00
Francis Moon	1	1 cow \$35. Buildings 300, land 200, total \$500.	535	10 91
Joseph Merritt	1			2 00
Rice Morgan	1			2 00
Henry Moulton	1			2 00
G. & J. Noyes	2	1 horse 50, 2 oxen 150, 9 cows 250, 1 two-years old 22, 1 one-year old 12, swine 24, total \$508. Buildings 700, home lot 2000, total \$2700.	3,208	56 97
Gilman Noyes		Morgan lot \$100.	100	1 65
James Noyes		Gardner lot \$100.	100	1 65
E. W. Norwood	1			2 00
Darius Needham	1	1 cow \$30. Buildings 150, home lot 150, total \$300.	330	7 45
Abner Nutting	1	2 cows 85, 1 two-years old 20, 1 one- year old 20, 2 sheep 20, total \$145. Buildings 150, home lot 2100, total \$2250.	2,395	41 61
Est. of Albigeance } Newell }		1 horse 65, 2 cows 60, total \$125. Buildings 600, home lot 350, Lom- bard lot 300, total \$1250.	1,375	22 78
Cheney Newton	1	1 horse 90, 2 cows 60, total \$150. Buildings 600, home lot 750, Bar- rows lot 150, Lombard lot 100, total \$1600.	1,750	30 88
Davis B. Nelson	1	2 cows \$30.	60	2 99
John S. Needham	1	1 horse 80, 3 cows 100, swine 6, total \$186 Buildings 400, home lot 1000, total \$1400.	1,586	23 24
Wm. O. Nichols	1	1 horse 30, 1 cow 35, total \$65. Build- ings 1000, G. Upham lot 1400, L. Upham lot 1100, total \$3500.	3,565	60 91
Lucy Pyncheon		1 cow \$35. Buildings 800, home lot 300, total \$1100.	11,35	18 81
Chas. Phelps		Buildings 50, home lot 150, total \$200.	200	3 30
Edward W. Potter	1	1 cow \$40. Buildings 800, home lot 400, total \$1200.	1,240	22 46
Sumner Parker	1	2 horses 150, 1 colt 60, 4 oxen 325, 39 cows 1365, 1 two-years old 35, 3 one- year olds 45, swine 84, total \$2064. Buildings 1200, home lot 2100, wood lot 75, Griggs lot 200, Hill lot 225, total \$3800.	5,864	98 69
Sumn'r Parker for } Homer place }		Buildings 800, home lot 4250, total \$5050.	5,050	83 38
Orus E. Parker	1			2 00
Paul W. Paige	1	1 cow \$35.	35	2 66
Mrs. C. B. Paige	$\frac{1}{8}$	buildings \$125.	125	2 15
Nehemiah Parker	1	Horse 50, 2 colts 150, 2 oxen 125, 3 cows 100, 2 two-years old 40, swine		

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Nehemiah Parker } for King Farm }	1	14, total \$479. Buildings 400, home lot 1000, total \$1400.	1,879	\$52 10
Albert S. Prouty		Buildings 500, home lot 650, total \$1150.	1,150	
David Parker & Son	2	6 horses 600, 1 colt 100, 3 cows 90, 1 sheep 5, swine 15, total \$810. Buildings 700, home lot 900, total \$1600.	2,410	41 77
Penuel Parker	1	Horses 125, 2 oxen 165, 7 cows 233, 1 sheep 6, swine 12, total \$541. Buildings 700, home lot 1000, Green lot 250, Grove's lot 100, total \$2050.	2,591	46 74
Porter A. Parker	1	Horse 125, 2 oxen 100, 8 cows 290, 1 one-year old 15, swine 12, total \$542. Buildings 1600, home lot, 1250, Morgan lot 400, wood lot 75, swamp lot 50, Charles lot 75, Hitchcock lot 200, total \$3650.	4,192	71 14
Silas Parker	1	1 horse 125, 3 cows 60, total \$185. Buildings 700, home lot 1000, total \$1700.	1,885	33 19
Hiram C. Powers	1	Money 5500, total \$5500.	5,500	2 00
Norman S. Powers	1	1 Horse 100, 4 oxen 250, 16 cows 500, 16 two-years old 320, swine 50, total \$1220. Buildings 1200, home lot 1800, Rooney lot 500, total \$3500.	4,720	92 75
George Puffer	1	1 horse 35, 2 cows 60, total \$95. Buildings 400, home lot 600, total \$1000.	1,095	79 88
Alfred E. Pierce	1	1 cow 30, 1 one-year old 20, total \$50. Buildings 500, home lot 250, total \$750.	800	20 15
Parker & Green	1	Shaw Place 700, total \$700.	700	15 21
Wm. H. Perry				11 55
George S. Parker	1	1 cow 35, total \$35.	35	2 00
Orre Parker	1	1 horse 125, 2 oxen 125, 6 cows 200, 1 two-year old 20, swine 9, total \$479. Buildings 350, home lot 500, total \$850.	1,329	2 66
Orre Parker for } Andrews Farm }	1	Buildings 1000, home lot 1450, Spun-nel lot 150, total \$2600.	2,600	23 95
David F. Parker				42 90
N. S. Powers for } Bugbee Place }	1	Buildings 150, home lot 50, total \$200.	200	2 00
Orson Parker	1	4 horses 200, 2 oxen 165, 1 cow 30, total \$395. Buildings 800, home lot 1000, total \$1800.	2,195	3 30
John Parrago	1			38 30
G. W. Plympton	1	1 horse \$75.	75	2 00
First Cong. Society		Buildings 2100, home lot 300, total \$2400.	2,400	3 32
A. W. Pearson	1			39 60
Wm. Ratagan	1			2 00
Nathan F. Robinson	1	Buildings 2050, home lot 250, total \$2300.	2,300	2 00
				39 95

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+ Nathan F. Robinson for George Parker }		Money \$200.	\$200	\$3 30
+ Mrs. Harvey Russell		Money \$400. Buildings 300, home lot 200, Death hill lot 75, total \$575.	975	16 17
Michael Rooney	1	1 horse 50, 3 two-years old 70, total \$120. Buildings 250, home lot 850, total \$1050.	1,170	21 31
Michael Rooney 2d	1			2 00
William H. Rice	1	Stock in trade \$500. Buildings \$75.	575	11 57
Philip Redding	1	1 cow \$30.	30	2 50
Mrs. P. Redding		Buildings 300, home lot 100, total \$400.	400	6 60
John Ratagan	1	1 horse 40, 4 cows 100, total \$140. Buildings 300, home lot 350, Pepper lot 50, total \$700.	840	15 86
Loren Reed	1	1 horse 35, 1 colt 75, 2 oxen 130, 7 cows 240, 1 two-years old 20, 2 one-year old 30, 3 sheep 15, swine 10, total \$555. Buildings 800, home lot 2700, total \$3500.	4,055	68 99
Edward Rosebush	1			2 00
Thomas Rooney	1			2 00
John Ransom	1			2 00
Wm. H. Sherman	1	1 horse 25, 2 oxen 100, 4 cows 135, 1 sheep 5, swine 10, total \$275. Buildings 800, home lot 1500, Chamberlin lot 500, Hardscrabble lot 50, Ro per lot 20, Keyes lot 40, total \$2910.	3,185	54 64
Chest. Scarborough	1	1 horse 60, 1 cow 30, 2 sheep 10, total \$100. Buildings 300, home lot 400, total \$700	800	15 20
John C. Spring	1	1 horse 100, 4 oxen 300, 4 cows 120, 6 two-years old 130, 19 sheep 75, 2 swine 20, total \$750. Buildings 1000, home lot 2000, Upham lot 1000, total \$4000.	4,750	80 38
Ed. W. Sherman	1			2 00
John A. Sherman	1			2 00
John Sherman	1	1 colt 60, 2 oxen 140, 3 cows 105, 1 one-year old 16, 13 sheep 60, 1 swine 15, total \$396. Buildings 300, home lot 650, pine swamp 125, mountain lot 125, total \$1200.	1,596	28 49
Henry Stewart	1			2 00
Abner Shaw	1	Horse 80, cows 70, swine 10, total 160. Buildings 100, home lot 50, total \$150.	310	7 12
P. F. Spaulding & Son }	2	Stock in trade 500, 2 horses 200, 2 cows 75, swine 60, total \$835. Buildings 1300, home lot 800, wood lot 500, total \$2600.	3,435	60 76
Josiah Stebbins	1	Horse 75, colt 80, 2 oxen 190, 8 cows 280, 1 two-years old 25, 2 sheep 10, 3 swine 15, total \$675. Buildings 1000, home lot 2000, total \$3000.	3,675	62 72

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Abner Stebbins	1	Horse 80, total \$80.	\$80	\$3 32
George Stetson	1	Buildings 425, home lot 425, total \$850.	850	16 03
Cheney Solander	1	Cow 40, total \$40. Buildings 1050, home lot 450, total \$1500.	1,540	27 41
Wm. J. Sherman	1			2 00
Alfred Shaw	1	1 horse 75, 2 oxen 125, 2 cows 60, 1 one-year old 12, swine 3, total \$275. Buildings 250, home lot 250, total \$500.	775	14 87
H. King Shaw	1			2 00
John Shaw	1	1 horse 125, 7 cows 245, 1 two-years old 25, 1 one-year old 12, swine 8, total \$415. Buildings 125, home lot 625, Keyes lot 150, total \$900.	1,315	23 78
Darius Shaw & Son	2	Stock in trade 500, 2 horses 225, 2 oxen 175, 3 cows 100, total \$1000. Buildings 700, home lot 800, Corbin lot 200, Charles lot 35, total \$1735.	2,735	49 21
Mrs. H. Smith		Buildings 300, home lot 200, total \$500.	500	8 25
Mrs C. Stetson		Buildings 375, home lot 25, total \$400.	400	6 60
Braman Sibley	1	1 horse 50, 1 cow 45, 1 one-year old 20, total \$115. Buildings 500, home lot 600, total \$1100.	1,215	22 13
Braman E. Sibley	1			2 00
Alvin G. Squier	1	Stock in trade 150, 1 cow 30, total \$180. Buildings 450, home lot 150, total \$600.	780	14 87
John R. Smith	1	2 horses 250, 3 cows 90, total \$340. Buildings 250, home lot 350, total \$600.	940	17 51
John F. Smith	1			2 00
J. N. Scarborough	1			2 00
Henry W. Selby	1	Carriage 100, total \$100.	100	3 65
Virgil Sherman	1	Buildings 100, home lot 25, total \$125.	125	4 15
Edwin Stratton	1			2 00
Elijah T. Sherman		3 horses 150, 1 bull 30, 6 oxen 390, 10 cows 325, 4 two-years old 100, 5 one-year olds 75, swine 35, carriage 150, total \$1255. Buildings 2000, home lot 3130, Herring lot 800, Stonage meadow 20, Wood lot 350, East Hill wood lot 100, Great Swamp 100, total \$6500.	7,755	128 04
Elijah T. Sherman } for Alexander } Place }		Buildings 1000, home lot 750, total \$1750.	1,750	28 88
Abraham Stone	1	1 horse 75, 1 cow 30, total \$105.	105	3 82
Wm. G. Stone	1			2 00
Lewis St. John	1			2 00
Edward St. John	1			2 00
Wm. L. Stearns	1			2 00
Michael Shandley	1	1 horse 40, 1 colt 125, 2 oxen 150, 17 cows 590, 4 one-year olds 60, 2 sheep 10, swine 20, total \$995.	995	18 50

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✓ Horace Sylvester	1	Money 1000, horse 100, total \$1100.	\$1,100	\$20 15
W. F. Tarbell	1	1 horse 100, 7 cows 230, total \$330. Buildings 700, home lot 1100, Hill lot 100, total \$1900.	2,230	38 80
Charles S. Tarbell	1			2 00
Elijah E. Tarbell	1	1 horse 50, 2 cows 65, total \$115. Buildings 700, home lot 300, Beckey lot 150, total \$1150.	1,265	22 96
Michael Traverse	1	1 horse 40, 8 cows 225, 1 two-years old 20, total \$285. Buildings 250, home lot 450, Gleason lot 50, Upham lot 100, total \$850.	1,135	20 82
Clemment Uskey	1			2 00
George H Upham	1	Shop 100, home lot 100, total 200.	200	5 30
Charles Upham	1	1 horse 60, 1 colt 90, 2 oxen 100, 7 cows 235, 4 two-years old 100, 2 one-year olds 30, 5 sheep 40, swine 40, total \$695. Buildings 600, home lot 1480, Coye lot 200, Lombard lot 80, Crouch lot 40, total \$2400.	3,095	52 55
Wm. M. Vallette	1	2 horses 175, 5 cows 166, 1 two-years old 20, total \$361. Buildings 450, home lot 1200, total \$1650.	2,011	35 18
Charles Varney	1	Stock in trade 2000, machinery 2350, 6 horses 800, 2 carriages 300, total \$5450. Buildings 5000, home lot 500, Tyler lot 350, total \$5850.	11,300	188 46
Anstin Woodard	1	1 horse 25, 2 oxen 150, 3 cows 90, 2 two-years old 45, 1 one-year old 15, total \$325. Buildings 300, home lot 450, Allen lot 100, total \$850.	1,175	21 48
Mrs. L. Webber		Buildings 150, home lot 350, total \$500.	500	8 25
George Ware	1			2 00
C. A. Woodbridge	1			2 00
Joseph L. Woods	1	1 horse 140, 2 cows 70, total \$210. Buildings 350, home lot 550, total \$900.	1,110	20 32
John Wyles	1	Money 10,000, total \$10,000. Buildings 4750, home lot 1750, total \$6500.	16,500	274 25
Wm. H. Wyles	1	3 horses 500, 1 cow 50, 2 carriages 300, total \$850. Shop \$150.	1,000	18 51
James J. Warren	1	horse 75, carriage 150, total \$225. Buildings 1600, home lot 2100, total \$3700.	3,925	64 85
Ezra B. Weld	1	1 horse 40, 4 oxen 270, 5 cows 165, 1 one-year old 15, 17 sheep 68, swine 9, total \$567. Buildings 675, home lot 1225, total \$1900.	2,467	42 76
Augustus Wheeler	1	Buildings 650, home lot 800, total \$1450.	1,450	25 93
Estate of David Weld		Money 500, total \$500.	500	8 25
J. P. Webber	1	Money 500, 1 horse 125, total \$625.	625	12 40

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George P. Wright	1	1 cow 30, 2 one-year olds 15, total \$45. Buildings 600, home lot 700, total \$1300.	\$1,345	\$24 28
Emerson Wetherell	1			2 00
Willard Wetherell	1			2 00
Warren & Buxton		Buildings 400, home lot 1600, total \$2000.	2,000	33 00
James C. Walker	1	Buildings 50, home lot 50, total \$100.	100	3 65
Simon B. Ward	1	1 horse 50, total \$50. Buildings 1200, home lot 400, total \$1600.	1,650	29 23
Preston F. Wight	1	4 cows 120, 1 two-years old 20, total \$140. Buildings 150, home lot 550, total \$700.	840	15 86
Edwin B. Webber	1	2 horses 120, 2 oxen 170, 8 cows 280, swine 26, total \$596. Buildings 900, home lot 2000, total \$2900.	3,496	59 75
Samuel P. Wales	1	1 horse 125, carriage 100, total \$225. Buildings 2000, home lot 300, total \$2300.	2,525	42 10
Harvey Walker	1	1 horse 100, total \$100. Buildings 1100, home lot 500, total \$1600.	1,700	30 05
Alpheus Walling	1			2 00
Lyman Webster	1			2 00
Frank Webster	1			2 00
George Webster	1			2 00
Henry A. Webber	1			2 00
H. M. Wentworth	1			2 00
H. O. Wentworth	1	1 horse 40.	40	2 66
John M. Walker	1	1 cow 30.	30	2 50
Morris Welch	1			2 00

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NON-RESIDENTS.

	Total Valuat'n	Total Tax.
John Aldrich, <i>Monson</i> , wood lot \$50,	\$50	\$0 83
Wm. Sutcliff, " tillage and pasture land \$700,	700	11 15
Chas. Carpenter, " pasture \$500,	500	8 25
Daniel G. Green, " Lombard lot 150, Fay place, 650, Noyes lot 40, Foster lot 140, Converse lot 720, total \$1700.	1,700	28 05
A. J. Northrup, <i>Monson</i> , Alum Pond wood lot \$1000,	1,000	16 50
Wm. Fenton, " pasture and tillage land \$250,	250	4 13
Royal Buffington, " Sprout lot \$150,	150	2 48
Isaac King, <i>Palmer</i> , pasture and tillage land \$1800,	1,800	29 70
Edward Ashworth, " pasture and tillage land \$700,	700	11 55
A. V. Blanchard & Co., " wood lot \$1800,	1,800	29 70
Jonas Blodget, " pasture \$600,	600	9 90
Wm. R. Parks, " buildings 1500, home lot 500, total \$2000,	2,000	33 00
John Fenton & Son, " wood land and pasture \$1500,	1,500	24 75

	Total Valuat'n	Total Tax.
Elisha Converse, <i>Palmer</i> , buildings 1000, home lot \$3500,	\$4,500	\$74 25
John M. Converse, " 18 yearlings \$250	250	4 13
A. W. Crossman & Son, <i>Warren</i> , old store house 100, house lot 50, Doda Blodget place, buildings 200, home lot 800, Asa Wares place, buildings 250, home lot 50, Thayer property 300, Calvin Blodget place, buildings 400, home lot 500, brick-yard and saw-mill 3000, Hiram Powers place, buildings 1000, home lot 2000, Frost place, 900, Chas. Burbank place, buildings, 1200, home lot, \$600,	11,350	187 28
Daniel Haley, <i>Warren</i> , buildings 1000, home lot \$2800,	3,800	62 70
Charles Bemis, " pasture \$500,	500	8 25
Samuel H. Bliss, " mowing and tillage \$400,	400	6 60
Dwight Ellis, " mowing and tillage \$375,	375	6 27
Charles Gleason, " pasture, \$550,	550	9 08
Geo. H. Cochran, " wood, pasture and tillage \$1650,	1,650	27 23
Elam Sherman, " tillage \$500,	500	8 25
Henry Bond, " Sprout lot, \$30,	30	50
Sam'l R. Gleason, " wood and meadow, \$150,	150	2 48
John Tyler, " mowing lot \$600,	600	9 90
Jarius Walker, " wood lot \$350,	350	5 78
Pardon Allen, " buildings 200, home lot \$200,	400	6 60
Erwin W. Gould, " house 75, house lot \$25,	100	1 65
Joseph Highland, <i>Sturbridge</i> , wood lot \$175,	175	2 97
Simeon N. Streeter, " wood and pasture \$150,	150	2 48
Patrick King, " tillage and pasture \$1200,	1,200	19 80
John W. Draper, " Ives' lot 200, Drury lot 600, Shingle Swamp, \$500,	1,300	21 45
Austin Allen, <i>Sturbridge</i> , wood and pasture \$900,	900	14 85
John Cunningham, " horse 60, 4 cows 140, swine 10, barn 50, home lot \$350,	910	15 02
Nehemiah Underwood, <i>Sturbridge</i> , pasture \$1000,	1,000	16 50
Simeon F. Marsh, " pasture \$700,	700	11 55
Truman Charles, " pasture and meadow \$600,	600	9 90
Charles E. Lombard, " wood lot \$300,	300	4 95
Luman P. Benson, " wood and pasture \$340,	340	5 61
Freeland Bemis, " wood and pasture \$400,	400	6 60
John McLaughlin, <i>Brookfield</i> , wood lot \$50,	50	83
Alfred Rice, " wood lot \$200,	200	3 30
Lawrens Upham, " pasture \$550,	550	9 08
Alvin Hyde, " buildings, 200, home lot \$1200.	1,400	23 10
William Webber, <i>Holland</i> , meadow \$175,	175	2 97
George L. Webber, " meadow \$175,	175	2 97
Wm. Lynn, " swamp lot \$50,	50	83
Wm. Wallis, " pasture \$100,	100	1 65
Elbridge G. Fuller, " meadow \$100,	100	1 65
Horace Wallis & Son, " wood and tillage \$700,	700	11 55
Wm. A. Robbins, " swamp lot \$100,	100	1 65
James A. Webber, " meadow \$300,	300	4 95
Daniel Shaw, <i>Wales</i> , buildings 200, home lot \$400,	600	9 90
Horace Gardner, " pasture and tillage \$375,	375	6 27
Eli Gardner, " wood, pasture and tillage \$450,	450	7 43
Friend Smith, " meadow \$270,	270	4 46
Wm. A. Thompson, " meadow \$30,	30	50
Wm. K. Dimmick, " barn 25, house lot \$75,	100	1 65
Hamilton Woolen Co., <i>Southbridge</i> , land flowage \$200,	200	3 30
Wm. E. Shattuck, <i>Worcester</i> , horse 75, 2 oxen 160, 13 cows 455, swine 12, total \$702. Buildings 1100, home lot 1900, total \$3000,	3702	61 05

	Total Valuat'n	Total Tax.
James Flynn, <i>Rhode Island</i> , buildings 75, house lot \$125,	\$200	\$3 30
Jesse Moulton and Nathan Warren, <i>East Brookfield</i> , buildings 650, home lot \$900,	1550	25 58
John Morgan, <i>Palmer</i> , wood lot \$200,	200	3 30
Rebecca Cleverly, <i>Boston</i> , buildings 400, home lot \$200,	600	9 90
Sam'l Rockwell & Co., <i>Stafford Springs</i> , wood lot \$1000,	1000	16 50
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		\$11,096 75

TABLE OF AGGREGATES

For the Town of Brimfield, of Polls, Property, &c., as Assessed May 1st, 1873.

Total number of Polls, - - 318.	Total Tax on Polls, - - \$636 00
Total value of Personal Estate, - - - -	\$205,103 00
Total value of Real Estate, - - - -	\$428,842 00
Total Tax for State, County, and Town purposes, - -	\$11,096 65
Rate per cent of Total Tax, - - - -	\$16.50 per \$1,000 00
Total valuation, May 1, 1873, - - - -	\$633,945 00
Total number of Dwelling-houses, - - - -	257
“ “ “ Horses, - - - -	235
“ “ “ Cows, - - - -	786
“ “ “ Sheep, - - - -	267
“ “ “ Acres of Land, - - - -	20,916

DARIUS SHAW, } Assessors
W. F. TARBELL, } of
GEORGE BACON, } *Brimfield.*

SCHOOL REPORT.

BY a recent law it is made the duty of the School Committee to prepare a "course of study" for our town schools. We fully recognize the wisdom of the requirement, and have given the matter careful attention, but do not yet feel prepared for definite action. While the subject is receiving further study, we submit some general directions which may yet be put in more definite form. The following suggestions are designed more particularly for teachers, but they should not be devoid of interest to the people.

In the early stages of education, including the primary and grammar schools, the elementary facts of the several branches of knowledge ought to be taught. We must begin with things which the child knows something about; that previous knowledge being the foundation on which we must build. Correct ideas will be obtained by the study of sensible objects. A word is only a symbol, and will convey no idea till the thing expressed by it is well known; the thing should be studied first and the word or symbol of the thing next; by such a process the mind will be excited to activity, and real progress will be made. The fatal objection to any method or system of teaching which is not precisely adapted to the mental condition of the child, is that the time and labor thus expended is nearly or quite lost. No progressive educator will now argue that a child should be required to memorize anything because he may at some future time understand what it means. Such memory knowledge, having never been in the mind, has no power to educate, and is likely to evaporate as soon as the high pressure which forced

it is removed. We are far from objecting to the cultivation of the memory at an early age; but we would have it exercised on those things where the memory and the understanding can assist each other.

The studies now pursued in our schools are nearly the same as they were thirty years ago; but times and circumstances have changed, and with such changes comes a demand for a broader, higher and more practical culture. We have yet to supply some of the most pressing demands which the needs of our children require. The study of nature has formed no part of our previous course. Children are naturally close observers and the very laws of their being require us, in selecting subjects to be taught, as well as in methods of teaching, to adapt ourselves to their childish natures. Let us give them oral lessons on animals, plants, leaves and flowers; let us teach them song, color, form, the names, parts and qualities of objects, etc. ;* let us direct their attention to the facts of nature in our lower schools and then they will be prepared to learn her laws in the higher. It is known that but few, if any, ever have a disposition to investigate a science, unless they were early taught or allowed to observe the facts on which it is based. The most common observation proves that he who has been permitted to depend on rules and definitions will rarely think back of them, and further, that teachers as well as others often suffer from such a mental disease. After having been taught, as above suggested, for a few terms, children should be taught from "The Child's Book of Nature," or some similar work, which every teacher should have on her desk and know how to use skillfully. This book contains an epitome of the Natural History studies pursued in our high schools, where they are not accessible to most pupils. It is now feasible to give all children some of the advantages of a high school course.

In connection with object lessons, the study of language may be taught to the best advantage. As soon as children get definite ideas they should be taught to express them *in*

*See "How to teach." J. W. Schermerhorn & Co., New York.

complete propositions. The teacher should never allow them to use incorrect expressions without correcting them, and much will be gained by having such corrected expressions written plainly upon the blackboard. Children should be taught to write their thoughts themselves, and it may be done very early; when properly taught, they will do it in a single year, spelling well, using capital letters correctly, and placing the period, comma, and question mark in their proper places. Of course, this can only be done within a limited range, but once commenced it can be gradually extended as far as desirable; in doing this and other work, teachers will need to exercise care that their precepts and examples agree. In another town, the writer recently heard the teacher ask her reading class, the following, among several other like questions “*Who* have you been reading about?” “What was it that Mary *done* to the lamb?” she meanwhile, showing by her perfect self-possession, entire unconsciousness of any impropriety of speech. To assist teachers in this important work, we have put Swinton’s Language Lessons on each teacher’s desk. We have reason to fear that some teachers have thus far, confined their teaching to the grammar it contains, rather than to applying the little that is needed to teach the good use of language. We shall expect improvement in the future.

Efforts have been made to improve the methods of teaching spelling. We are able to spell correctly when the *form* of the word is fixed in the mind, and hence the eye must be mainly relied on in learning to spell, but even the eye can be abused.

While visiting a school, not “long ago,” the teacher told a class to see how many times each could study *over* the spelling lesson. The work required commenced at once, but it was an exercise of the lips and not of the perception. When the class was called, a row of jubilant faces appeared, and it was announced that the lesson had been studied “eleven,” “thirteen,” “sixteen,” “twenty-one” times by successive scholars. When the test was applied, it was

found that the lesson was not learned, for it had not been *studied* at all. The crest-fallen pupils were reprimanded and the lesson was assigned for the next day. Teaching *how* to study is an important part of a teacher's work.

Of 115,000 words in our language, but few ever use more than 2,000. If the pupil is able to spell these correctly, he is practically a good speller and it is a question whether his time cannot be spent to better advantage than in memorizing the remaining 113,000 words which he cannot use. If frequent written examinations and reviews are required of pupils, they will practically learn to spell without waste of time.

We fear that the suggestion as to such written exercises, made in a previous report, have not generally been accepted and put in practice by teachers.

Thus far we have not been able to introduce the study of vocal music or drawing into our schools to much extent.

These studies are now pursued in most of the first-class schools of the State as successfully as reading and spelling.

A knowledge of the former will be a source of pleasure for a life-time, and its acquirement will be attended by a high order of mental, moral, and æsthetic culture. What parents would not be delighted to have their children taught to sing, and every educator now knows that it is as practicable to teach an entire class to sing as it is to teach them other studies.

A knowledge of drawing is now urgently demanded in many departments of human industry, and is very valuable in all.

Prof. Walter Smith, State Director of Art Education has consented to make us a visit to assist in this work. Prof. L. W. Mason, of the Boston public schools, has also volunteered to come and illustrate the methods of teaching vocal music now in general use where music is taught in public schools, provided there is interest enough felt to give him an invitation.

Should these educators, eminent in their specialties, come to our assistance, it is hoped our people will avail themselves of the opportunity to see and hear for themselves.

We can add but little respecting the teaching of arithmetic to what has been suggested in a previous report, (1872,) to which we refer. That which is easiest to learn should be studied first, that which is more difficult should be left to a more advanced course. If the child of eight or twelve is able to work in numbers intelligently, accurately and with rapidity, it is all we ought to expect. We can well afford to postpone for a time the long chain of reasoning with the "hences" and "therefores" which the pupil may be taught to repeat with commendable accuracy, but it will be an act of the memory only.

Such cramming will make a show for a moment, but it does not educate; it consumes much time and is barren of any valuable results.

Mental arithmetic as distinguished from written, beyond the general study of Number, is a myth; the reasoning being precisely the same whether the mind is burdened by an exercise of the memory, or is assisted by the use of the slate or blackboard. Much useless matter in text books may be omitted. Why should we study *inches* and *nails* in connection with the *yard*? Why should we spend much time and vital effort in teaching a class to "change seven-nineteenths of a mile to units of lower denominations," and the reverse? Certainly not because such questionable "lumber" is found in our text books. It is certainly proper that committees and teachers should decide what our pupils need to be taught, that the "golden hours of youth" shall not be wasted in studying that which will be practically useless to them. Tradition should be estimated at its intrinsic value, and not by its antiquity.

Decided improvements have been made in teaching reading to beginners. We hope the old rote method of first teaching the letters has been abandoned forever. The *word* methods are so well adapted and may be made so useful and attractive that the best teachers will not fail to employ them. We hope no teacher will fail to avail herself fully of the suggestions contained in the "Analytic Readers."

Reading should be taught as one important means of acquiring knowledge, hence our school reading should not be confined to a series of reading books. After all the life and freshness has gone from a book, its use should be abandoned and something else substituted. "The Nursery" for younger classes, and "The Child's Book of Nature" for those more advanced are well adapted to interest and instruct the learner.

It will be seen by the above that we are making additional demands upon teachers. We are compelled by the progress of the age to expect of them a more varied and extended practice, but, we hope not, more exhausting labor in the school-room. Public generosity and private munificence have furnished us with the means to make our schools, as a whole, as good as the best. Let us, guided when we need it, by the wisdom and experience of others engaged in the same work, so employ them that we may soon realize our fondest anticipations. Brimfield may be noted for her good schools and well-cultured boys and girls, if for nothing else.

Simple justice requires us to express our thanks to the teachers employed the past year for their self-denying devotion to their duties. Recognizing the fact that skilled labor in the school-room is an indispensable element of success, they have generally appeared anxious to avail themselves of the few opportunities afforded them for improvement. We hope teachers' meetings, which have in the past been so useful, may soon be revived. Isolated as we are from the prominent centers of educational progress, let us, with the help of educational literature and such occasional assistance from abroad as we may be able to obtain, establish one here whose influence shall be felt by those who surround us. It may require of us much time, study, and personal effort but it will pay.

Good teaching is one of the finest of all arts, in the practice of which "success is a duty." Not that success which will enable the better portion of a school to make a fine show on examination day, but that which shall produce indelible

impressions on the minds and hearts of each and every pupil.

It is not sufficient that a teacher labors diligently and faithfully; she should have an intelligent idea of the importance and magnitude of the work before her; she should have a consciousness of the needs of her pupils; she should know something of the wonderful powers and capacities which the Creator has implanted in their minds, and of the best methods known of developing and cultivating those powers. Empiricism is as dangerous and as much to be execrated in the school-room as it is in the sick chamber. It is not enough that the teacher has extensive culture in other directions, it is imperatively demanded here. To say nothing of persons in the learned professions, so called, we refuse to employ those to make our garments, construct and paint our buildings, shoe our horses, repair our watches, etc., who have not made special efforts to acquire skill in the arts they purpose to practice; yet they are to labor only on gross, material objects, while the precious and plastic materials placed in the hands of our teachers to be molded and shaped for all time are our children. How much more important is it, that we should expect our young teachers to bring to their first day's work in the school-room the completest professional preparation and the highest possible skill. Has this been attempted? What are the facts? Competent authorities assert "that it is an anomalous fact that one-half of them have never read a book on the subject of teaching; not a fifth ever take an educational journal, and with nine-tenths of them it is never made a profession at all, but a make-shift, taken up without previous preparation, and soon abandoned."

That the abundance of our excellent higher institutions of learning, in their regular course do not and can not provide able teachers for our primary and grammar schools, is attested by the great demand now made for professionally trained teachers; many school authorities refusing to employ any others unless they have had an extended and successful experience. Hence, the large number of Normal and Training

Schools that now exist everywhere where it is thought best to make the education of youth a reality and not a farce. Skillful teachers are often, perhaps unconsciously, the educators of the people as well as of children, and to them we shall be largely indebted for the continued progress of our schools and the future mental and moral *status* of our people.

While thus calling attention to some improvements now demanded in our "theory and practice," we must not be understood as intimating that our school work has been all wrong. Far from it. On the contrary, we feel certain that great progress has been made during the last decade. Our scholars are more uniformly good. In some schools a poor one is hardly to be found, and thus our obligation to educate each and every one is fulfilled. The mass of our children have become more interested, more intelligent, and more self-reliant. We find better readers, better spellers, and a good number who are able to correct intelligently, by applying known principles, ungrammatical expressions, and what is better yet, because it is the central point at which we should aim in all our efforts, we find those who are able to apply, and do begin to apply those principles as guides to the use of the right words and the right forms of words to express their ideas. The work has bravely begun, and may it continue till the study of language, the most important of all studies, for it is the indispensable medium through which we communicate our thoughts, shall be practically as useful to all as the study of arithmetic or spelling.

It is worthy of record, that the better our schools are taught, the better is the general deportment of the pupils. This fact is most gratifying. It is as true, that the deeply interested scholar will be obedient, as it is that

"Satan finds some mischief still
For idle hands to do."

Deeming it a positive waste of time and money to continue the schools unprovided with suitable appliances to

secure their success, we have furnished them with a new series of reading books and a speller, and a decided improvement in these studies is already apparent. These books we have retained in our hands, till the town shall act on the article in our present warrant, "To see if the town will authorize the School Committee to furnish text-books for the use of the schools." Should the town decide to do so, the expense will be much less and the actual needs of pupils be more certainly supplied. As the schools are now well provided for, the expense will be very small for some time to come.

The school-houses in Nos. 1, 7, 8 and 10, have been painted, and new blackboards made in the three latter. The houses in 2, 4, 5 and 6 need more or less extensive repairs.

Our obligations are due to that small but useful band of parents and friends who habitually visit our schools. It is they on whom committees and teachers must rely for that moral support they so much need in executing the important trusts committed to them. Committees are not infallible, and they as well as teachers must expect, and should receive, the criticisms of an intelligent public.

IN MEMORIAM.

A great and good teacher has gone forever. A few months since, Prof. Louis Agassiz was struck down in the midst of his labors, literally with the harness on. With a wealth of knowledge that was a constant and ever increasing surprise to all who knew him, he was yet an earnest student to the last. Unselfish and generous, he studied and labored for the good of others, and not his own. Our common schools were the objects of his intensest solicitude, and to improve them, and thus to elevate every one, he devoted many of his last feeble hours. He never failed to respond when the cause of

popular education demanded his assistance. If we may not emulate his virtues, let us cherish his memory with profound respect.

Respectfully submitted,

J. L. WOODS, *Chairman.*

J. L. WOODS, }
W. F. TARBELL, } *School Committee.*
H. F. BROWN, }

BRIMFIELD, March 16, 1874.

FINANCIAL REPORT

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AUDITOR'S REPORT.

REPORT of the Receipts and Expenditures of the Town of Brimfield
for the year ending March 16th, 1875.

FOR REPAIR OF HIGHWAYS.

May	4,	Paid A. C. Bennett,	\$56 80	
June	2,	A. C. Bennett,	37 60	
July	6,	A. C. Bennett,	94 60	
Oct.	5,	A. C. Bennett,	27 20	
			<hr/>	\$216 20
May	4,	Paid Charles Collis,	19 80	
July	6,	Charles Collis,	96 20	
Nov.	2,	Charles Collis,	42 40	
		Charles Collis, for railing,	73 65	
			<hr/>	232 05
May	4,	Paid James N. Buxton,	35 75	
June	2,	James N. Buxton,	14 00	
July	6,	James N. Buxton,	170 80	
Sept.	7,	James N. Buxton,	3 60	
Oct.	5,	James N. Buxton,	51 30	
Nov.	2,	James N. Buxton,	38 00	
		James N. Buxton, for railing,	44 65	
			<hr/>	358 10
May	4,	Paid William H. Sherman,	17 80	
June	2,	William H. Sherman,	52 90	
July	6,	William H. Sherman,	114 60	
Dec.	7,	William H. Sherman,	27 00	
			<hr/>	212 30

May	4,	Paid Moses H. Baker,	\$26 00	
June	2,	Moses H. Baker,	26 00	
July	6,	Moses H. Baker,	42 00	
			<hr/>	\$94 00
June	2,	Paid William H. Shaw,	61 25	
July	6,	William H. Shaw,	54 40	
Oct.	5,	William H. Shaw,	7 00	
Mar.	4,	William H. Shaw,	2 50	
		William H. Shaw, for railing,	52 80	
			<hr/>	177 95
June	2,	Paid Sumner Parker,	81 00	
July	6,	Sumner Parker,	120 53	
Mar.	4,	Sumner Parker,	10 00	
			<hr/>	211 53
			<hr/>	\$1,502 13

FOR SUPPORT OF BRIDGES.

May	4.	Paid James N. Buxton,	\$56 52	
Sept.	7,	James N. Buxton,	23 55	
June	2,	William H. Shaw,	8 00	
Nov.	2,	Charles Collis,	9 30	
Mar.	4,	Charles Collis,	12 00	
Dec.	7,	H. A. Webber,	1 30	
Dec.	7,	T. J. Morgan,	75	
			<hr/>	\$111 42

FOR REPAIRS OF SCHOOL-HOUSES.

April	6,	Paid A. S. Prouty, repairs No. 6,	\$4 50	
Oct.	5,	A. S. Prouty, repairs No. 6,	9 75	
Dec.	7,	A. S. Prouty, repairs No. 6,	2 75	
May	4,	Lewis Farrell, repairs No. 10,	6 00	
July	6,	Sumner Parker, repairs No. 5,	53 19	
Aug.	3,	N. F. Robinson, repairs No. 5,	93 70	
Sept.	7,	N. F. Robinson, repairs Nos. 4, 5, 6,	21 40	
Nov.	2,	N. F. Robinson, repairs No. 6,	33 85	
Oct.	5.	William H. Green, repairs No. 6,	7 50	
Oct.	5,	William H. Lumbard, blackboards,		
		Nos. 2 and 5,	41 09	
Oct.	5,	Thomas J. Morgan, repairs No. 5,	19 95	
Dec.	7,	Henry Adams, painting No. 5,	16 91	
Dec.	7,	David A. Shaw, repairs No. 4,	6 88	

1875.

Jan. 4,	T. M. Walker, windows, No. 4,	\$14 00	
Mar. 4,	J. T. Brown, for nails, glass, etc.,	20 60	
Mar. 16,	N. S. Hubbard, for work, No. 5,	4 00	
Mar. 16,	H. F. Brown, bill paid for repairs, etc.,	35 18	
		<hr/>	\$391 25

FOR SUPPORT OF SCHOOLS.

Town appropriation,	\$2,000 00	
Town proportion of school fund,	259 80	
		<hr/> \$2,259 80

Expenses including only wages, board, fuel for and care of the fires and school-houses for the year ending March 16, 1875.

NAMES OF TEACHERS.	No. of School.	Wages, Sum- mer Term.	Wages, Fall Term.	Wages, Win- ter Term.	Fuel and care of house.	Total.
Mrs. H. N. Marsh, . . .	1	\$74 80	\$75 65	\$00 00	\$28 50	\$334 95
Julia Blashfield, . . .	1	00 00	00 00	96 00		
Anna M. Tarbell, . . .	1	00 00	00 00	60 00		
Augusta H. Noyes, . . .	2	76 50	76 50	102 00	32 00	287 00
Alice F. Chamberlain, . .	3	66 00	00 00	00 00	20 50	245 50
Lucy Woodard, . . .	3	00 00	63 00	96 00		
Dell T. Paige, . . .	4	67 50	00 00	00 00		
Mary L. Paige, . . .	4	00 00	67 50	00 00	17 75	248 75
Carrie E. Manning, . . .	4	00 00	00 00	96 00		
Abbie A. Brown, . . .	5	56 00	00 00	84 00		
Sarah E. Hubbard, . . .	5	00 00	54 00	00 00	18 25	212 25
Sarah E. Kenney, . . .	6	67 50	67 50	96 00	15 50	246 50
	7	No	school			
Julia Blashfield, . . .	8	67 50	66 00	00 00	23 00	240 50
Laura M. Spanlding, . . .	8	00 00	00 00	84 00		
	9	No	school			
Ruth R. Curtis, . . .	10	72 00	00 00	00 00	21 00	267 00
Carrie E. Manning, . . .	10	00 00	63 00	00 00		
George Sherman, . . .	10	00 00	00 00	111 00		
						\$2,032 45

FOR OTHER EXPENSES OF SCHOOLS.

George and James Dunham, wood for No. 7, 1874,	\$12 00	
J. T. Brown, crayons, brooms, &c.,	11 90	
Wm. H. Shaw, wood for 1875,	20 87	
Michael Shanley, for conveyance of daughter,	15 00	
Norman S Powers, for making fires, No. 10, last year,	5 00	
Balance unexpended,	112 58—	\$177 35
		<hr/> \$2,259 80

FOR SUPPORT OF PAUPERS.

April 6, Paid H. E. Sylvester, balance salary,	\$250 98
April 6, G. F. Chamberlain, medical services,	33 60
Paid Worcester Lunatic Asylum for support of	
A. J. Hooker,	204 48
Dr. A. B. Deland, for medical services,	15 00
Dr. J. W. Hastings, for medical services,	24 00
James B. Brown, aid to Lyman Needham,	19 73
James B. Brown, expenses to Springfield and Tewksbury,	21 15
G. M. Hitchcock, goods to a French family,	1 40
G. M. Hitchcock, goods to Horace Nichols' family,	21 06
Warren F. Tarbell, aid to Horace Nichols' family,	3 08
Edward Hall, for support of H. Nichols and wife,	24 00
Board of State Charities for support of L. Wilbur,	67 00
City of Springfield for support of Sarah J. Works,	40 33
J. T. Brown, goods for L. Needham, C. M. Fosket, etc.,	34 37
A. L. Converse, for cash advanced to overseers,	271 00
Silas Parker, for support of Mrs. Lucy Needham,	34 00
Peter O. Day, aid for blind daughter,	10 00
James Bacheller, for express wagon,	100 00
John Gates, for harness,	23 00
	————— \$1,198 18

FOR MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSES.

Paid P. W. Paige for ringing bell,	\$41 67
Clark W. Bryan & Co., printing reports,	74 25
Clark W. Bryan & Co., assessor's books, etc.,	5 75
G. M. Whitaker, printing tax bills,	2 50

Paid J. T. Brown, rent Selectmen's room, etc.,	\$28 98	
C. Nichols,	3 00	
A. L. Converse, postage and express,	3 00	
First Parish for rent of hall,	50 00	
G. H. Upham, oil can,	60	
A. L. Converse for State aid,	240 00	
James B. Brown, cash paid as per bill,	16 69	
H. F. Brown, cash paid for postage, etc.,	3 17	
	<hr/>	\$469 61

UNUSUAL EXPENSES.

Paid Horace M. Gardner for land,	\$29 06	
William H. Shaw, watering tub on high-		
way,	5 00	
A. S. Prouty, for road scraper,	12 00	
R. Buffington, for land,	10 00	
E. B. Webber, for repairing dam,	10 00	
Expense of drain,	481 21	
Burnett & Winter, for sleigh-hearse,	95 00	
	<hr/>	\$642 27

FOR SALARIES OF OFFICERS.

SELECTMEN.

Paid James B. Brown,	\$48 75
Porter A. Parker,	20 25
Moses H. Baker,	12 50

ASSESSORS.

Paid Darius Shaw,	\$50 00
Samuel W. Brown,	40 00
Warren F. Tarbell,	40 00

SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

Paid Warren F. Tarbell,	\$41 25
Ellen P. Shaw,	37 62
Henry F. Brown,	25 00

AUDITING COMMITTEE.

Paid Henry F. Brown,	\$12 00
William H. Sherman,	6 00
Francis E. Cook,	4 00

Paid Henry F. Brown, recording births, etc.,	\$9 25	
George Bacon, services as sexton,	33 64	
Cheney Newton, service of Selectmen's warrant,	8 00	
G. H. Upham, sealer of weights and care of room,	12 00	
Joseph L. Woods, service School Committee, 1873,	5 00	
	<hr/>	\$405 26

APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE FOREGOING.

		PAYMENTS.
For repair of highways,	\$2,000 00	\$1,502 13
Support of bridges,	300 00	111 42
Snow paths,	500 00	000 00
Support of schools,	2,000 00	2,147 22
Repair of school-houses,	600 00	391 25
Support of paupers,	1,000 00	1,198 18
Salaries of officers,	400 00	405 00
Miscellaneous expenses,	500 00	469 61
Discount on taxes,	500 00	415 62
Unusual expenses,	200 00	642 27
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	\$8,000 00	\$7,282 70

COLLECTOR'S REPORT.

W. F. TARBELL, *Collector.*

Balance certificate of 1873 reported uncollected March 11, 1874,		\$305 00
Apr. 22, Paid Town Treasurer,	\$100 00	
June 6, Town Treasurer,	158 30	
Balance tax 1873 uncollected,	46 70	
	—————	\$305 00
Town tax for 1874,		\$9,554 85
Sept. 1, Paid Town Treasurer,	\$2,370 63	
County tax,	1,187 42	
Discount allowed on above at 6 per cent,	227 10	
Nov. 20, Paid Town Treasurer,	200 00	
Dec. 5, Town Treasurer,	476 00	
Dec. 16, Town Treasurer,	210 00	
Dec. 26, Town Treasurer,	625 45	
Dec. 31, Town Treasurer,	1,770 39	
Jan. 1, Town Treasurer,	1,242 68	
Discount allowed on above at 4 per cent,	188 52	
Feb. 2, Paid Town Treasurer,	300 00	
Mar. 13, Paid Town Treasurer,	340 00	
Mar. 16, Town Treasurer,	181 25	
Balance, being the amount of certificate of 1874 uncollected,	235 41	
	—————	\$9,554 85

Inventory of personal property at alms-house, March 16, 1875.

1 horse,	\$120 00
1 yoke oxen,	160 00

7 cows,	\$280 00
3 heifers,	105 00
4 swine, 375 lbs., at 8 cents,	30 00
17 hens, 1 turkey,	10 00
7½ tons English hay, \$17,	127 50
7½ tons meadow hay, \$7,	52 50
2 tons of straw,	30 00
38 bushels corn, 90 cents,	34 20
40 bushels rye, 90 cents,	36 00
5 bushels buckwheat, 75 cents,	3 75
3 bushels barley, 90 cents,	2 70
250 lbs. meal,	4 50
Farming tools and wood,	377 75
Provisions,	208 18
Household furniture,	255 77
	————— \$1,837 85

OVERSEERS OF THE POOR,

In account with the Town of Brimfield.

DR.

To Poor Farm as appraised March 19, 1874,	\$4,300 00
Live stock, as appraised March 19, 1874,	714 50
Hay and grain as appraised March 19, 1874,	183 97
Farming tools and wood, as appraised March 19, 1874,	315 75
Provisions as appraised March 19, 1874,	189 42
Household furniture as appraised March 19, 1874,	255 77
One year interest on the above,	357 54
Cash advanced by Town Treasurer,	271 00
Paid James Bachellor for wagon,	100 00
John Gates, for harness,	23 00
Dr. G. F. Chamberlain, for medical service,	33 60
Dr. D. B. Deland, " " "	15 00
Dr. J. W. Hastings, " " "	24 00
For Lyman Needham's family,	51 82
G. M. Hitchcock, for goods,	1 40
Board of State Charities, for L. Wilbur,	67 00
Account vs. E. Wetherell,	12 00
James B. Brown, on account of L. Wil- bur and S. J. Works,	21 15
City of Springfield, for S. J. Works,	40 33
Aid for Horace Nichols and wife,	48 14
" " Peter O. Day's blind daughter,	10 00
" " C. M. Fosket's family,	23 90
J. T. Brown, for goods,	2 38

Paid Worcester Hospital, for support of A. J.

Hooker, \$204 48

Amount due P. F. Spaulding, on account of

H. Nichols, 6 79

Balance due E. Greenleaf for salary, 290 79

————— \$7,563 73

1875.

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March 16, By Poor Farm as appraised this
day,

\$4,300 00

Live stock as appraised this day, 705 00

Hay and grain, as appraised
this day, 291 15

Farming tools and wood, as
appraised this day, 377 75

Provisions, 208 18

Household furniture, 255 77

Received from State Treasurer,
September 25, 33 30

Received from State Treasurer,
account of John Mann, 80 94

Account vs. W. M. Vallette, 36 00

Work on highway, 6 00

Supplies for family of L. Need-
ham, 6 70

Balance, it being the amount
it has cost the town to sup-
port their poor the past
year,

1,262 94

————— \$7,563 73

From this balance, \$1,262 94

Deduct the expense for those out
of the alms-house, viz :

For A. J. Hooker, 204 48

Horace Nichols and wife, 59 43

C. M. Fosket and family, 23 90

Peter O. Day's daughter, 10 00

Leonard Wilbur, 67 00

Sarah J. Works, 40 33

Lyman Needham and family, 51 82

1875.

For Bills of Dr. Deland and Dr. Hastings,	\$39	00	
Ezra Carpenter,	9	50	
G. M. Hitchcock's bill,	1	40	
J. T. Brown's bill,	2	38	
J. B. Brown's bill,	21	15	\$530 39

Leaving as the cost for those at alms-house, \$732 55

Average number at the alms-house, $7\frac{3}{4}$.

Number of weeks' board furnished, $402\frac{2}{7}$.

Cost of each week's board, \$1.827.

Cost of each week's board after deducting interest of farm and stock,
\$0.932.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

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A. L. Converse, in account with the Town of Brimfield.

1874.	Dr.	
Mar. 11,	To cash on hand, balance of settle- ment,	\$1,449 27
Apr. 22,	Cash received of W. F. Tarbell, on certificate, 1873,	100 00
May 30,	Cash borrowed and received of J. C. Hunter,	300 00
May 15,	Cash borrowed and received of H. F. Brown,	400 00
June 6,	Cash received of W. F. Tar- bell, certificate, 1873,	158 30
May 4,	Cash received of town of Mon- son, for schooling,	40 00
June 8,	Cash received of town of Pal- mer for schooling,	51 96
July 6,	Cash borrowed of Chapin Bank- ing Co.,	987 75
July 15,	Cash borrowed of Penuel Par- ker,	300 00
Sept.	Cash received State Treasurer, on account paupers,	33 30
Dec. 1,	Cash received State Treasurer, Corporation tax,	147 55
Dec. 1,	Cash received State Treas- urer, State aid refunded,	260 00
Dec 1,	Cash received State Treasurer, Bank tax,	1,029 62

1875.

Jan. 26,	To Cash received State Treasurer, proportion school fund,	\$259 80	
Jan. 20,	Cash received State Treasurer, on account of paupers,	80 94	
Feb. 18,	Cash town of Palmer, planks,	15 30	
Mar. 8,	Cash of H. E. Sylvester, error in last year's account,	2 45	
Mar. 8,	Cash received of County Treas- urer, dog tax refunded,	109 25	
Mar. 16,	Cash received of W. F. Tar- bell, interest on taxes,	22 50	
	Cash of Warren F. Tarbell, on certificate of 1874,	7,716 40	
		<hr/>	\$13,464 39

1874.

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Apr. 1,	By paid note and interest, H. F. Brown,	\$630 80	
Sept. 6,	Paid note, Chapin Banking Co.,	1,000 00	
Dec. 3,	Penuel Parker, on note,	25 00	
Dec. 30,	" " " "	75 00	
1875.			
Jan. 1,	Paid note and interest, H. F. Brown,	417 96	
Feb. 23,	Paid note and interest, J. C. Hunter,	315 34	
Feb. 27,	Paid note and interest, Pen- uel Parker,	211 85	
Dec. 2,	Paid State tax,	1,080 00	
	Paid town of Wales taxes for 3 years,	7 00	
	Paid orders for repairs of high- ways,	1,502 13	
	Paid orders for support of bridges,	111 42	
	Paid orders for support of schools,	2,147 26	
	Paid orders for repair of school- houses,	391 25	

1874.

By paid orders for support of pau-	
pers,	\$1,198,18
Paid orders for salaries of	
officers,	405 26
Paid orders for miscellaneous	
expenses,	469 57
Paid orders for unusual ex-	
penses,	642 27
Balance cash in hands of Treasurer,	2,834 10
	<hr/> \$13,464 39

LIABILITIES OF THE TOWN.

1875.

March 16, Due Mrs. Darius Needham, note and	
interest,	\$35 50
P. W. Paige, for ringing bell,	50 00
W. F. Tarbell, collector for	
1873, 1874,	96 00
For abatement of taxes, esti-	
mated,	30 00
Worcester Lunatic Hospital, es-	
timated,	46 00
Dog fund, not appropriated,	502 22
E. Greenleaf, balance salary,	290 79
For support of Mrs. Samuel	
Hubbard,	13 00
P. F. Spaulding, on account of	
H. Nichols,	6 79
Justus K. Fay, work on school-	
house No. 5,	7 50
Balance being the amount of assets	
over all liabilities,	2,388 80
	<hr/> \$3,466 60

ASSETS OF THE TOWN.

1875.

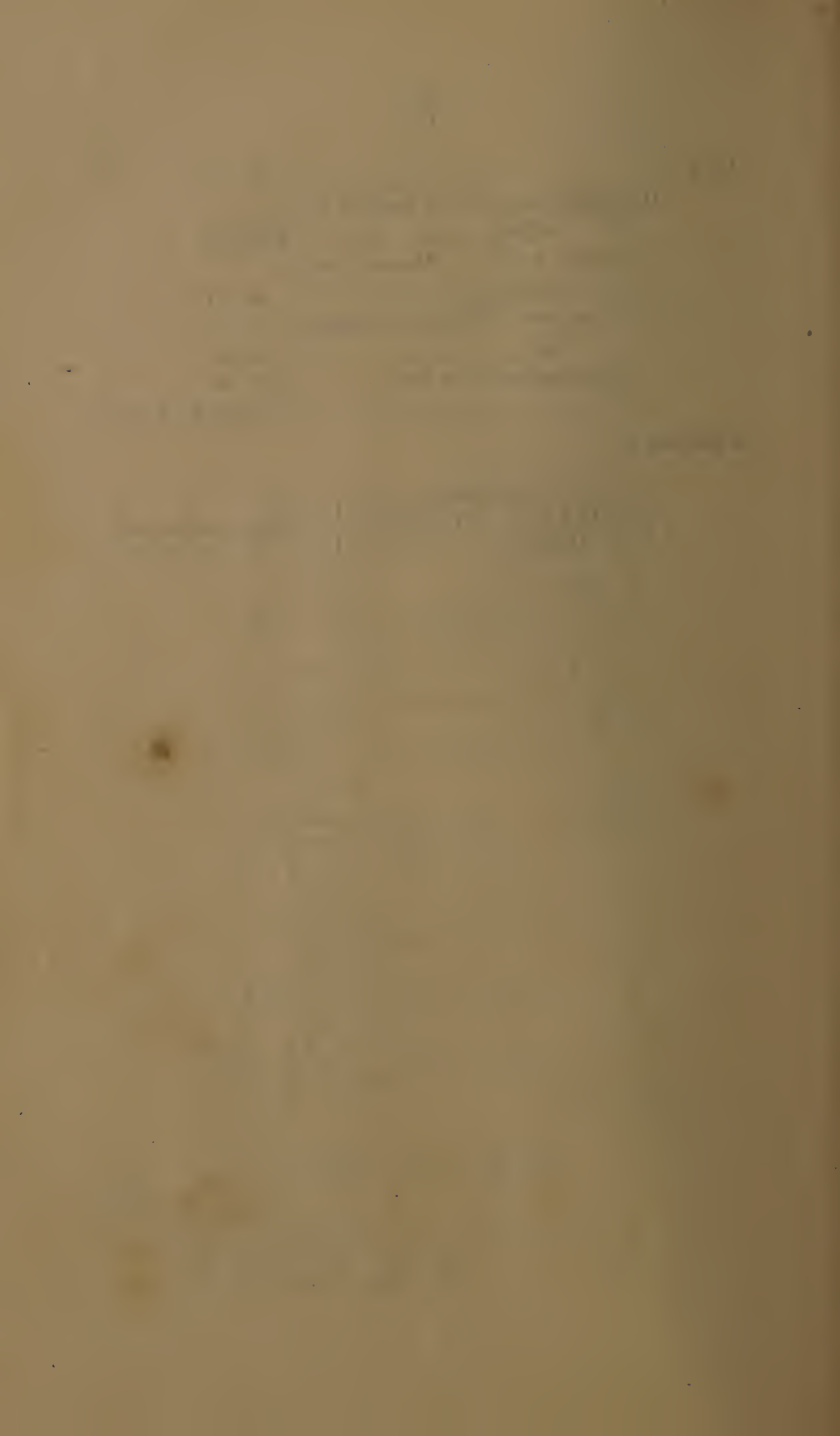
March 16, Cash in the hands of the Treasurer,	\$2,834 10
Cash in school-book agency,	39 05
Books in school-book agency,	76 58

1875.

Due from State, aid to families of soldiers,	\$260 00
From town of Monson, for schooling.	37 37
From town of Palmer for school- ing,	47 50
For assessment for drain,	172 00
	————— \$3,466 60

Submitted by

HENRY F. BROWN,	}	<i>Auditing Committee.</i>
WILLIAM H. SHERMAN,		
F. E. COOK,		



REPORT OF ASSESSORS.

Valuation and Tax, 1874.

POLLS.	NAMES.	DESCRIPTION OF ESTATES.	TOTAL TAX.
1	Elijah Allen.	Buildings, 850, home lot $\frac{1}{2}$ acre 50. Total valuation, \$900.	\$14 83
2	Parsons Allen & Son.	2 Horses 175, 6 oxen 415, 10 cows 330, 1 yearling 15, 8 sheep 48, 3 swine 20, total \$1,013. Buildings 700, home lot 78—1,100, Perry meadow 4—100, hardscrabble lot 17—200, break-neck 34—600, north-east lot 30—350, Shumway lot 9—150, total \$3,200. Total valuation, \$4,213.	64 00
1	Montraville Ackart.	2 Horses 250, 1 cow 40, 1 yearling 15, total, \$305. Buildings 300, home lot 50—450, total \$750. Total valuation, \$1,055.	17 11
	Harriet Allen.	Buildings 250, home lot 50—500, total \$750. Total valuation, \$750.	10 69
2	Saunders Allen & Son.	1 Horse 25, 4 cows 135, total \$160. Buildings 500, home lot 52—500, wood lot 7—50, Bates lot 6—50, total \$1,100. Total valuation, \$1,260.	21 96
1	Alonzo Allen.	2 Cows 60, total \$60. Buildings 200, home lot 60—350, total \$550. Total valuation, \$610.	10 70
1	Lucius Agard.	1 Horse 20, 2 oxen 140, 5 cows 150, 3 two-year olds 60, 8 sheep 30, total \$400. Buildings 200, home lot 60—900, total \$1,100. Total valuation, \$1,500.	23 38
1	George Adams.	1 Horse 50, 2 cows 60, 1 swine 6, total \$116. Buildings 300, home lot 37—300, total \$600. Total valuation, \$716.	12 26
1	Warren Agard.	1 Horse 70, 2 oxen 110, 3 cows 105, 1 two-year-old 20, 1 sheep 5, total \$310. Buildings 150, home lot 90—900, total \$1,050. Total valuation, \$1,360.	21 39
1	Henry Adams.	1 Horse 50, 2 cows 70, total \$120. Buildings 350, home lot 24—325, total \$675. Total valuation, 795.	13 40
1	Dwight Alberty.		2 00

POLLS.	NAMES.	DESCRIPTION OF ESTATES.	TOTAL TAX.
	Austin Andrews.	2 cows 70, total \$70. Buildings 1,000, home lot 166—1450, Spunnel lot 9—150, total \$2,600. Total valuation, \$2,670.	\$38 05
1	Barney Adams.		2 00
1	Julius Bacon.		2 00
1	Henry F. Brown.	Buildings 1,100, home lot 1—200, total \$1,300. Total valuation, \$1,300.	20 53
1	Edward Bliss.	1 Horse 100, 2 oxen 125, 2 cows 60, total \$285. Buildings 1,300, home lot 3—500, Hitchcock lot 16—650, Charles Wood lot 65—600, Lombard lot 8—100, Russell lot 5—75, total \$3,225. Total valuation, \$3,510.	52 17
1	Ira B. Brown.	1 Cow 25, 1 two-year-old 35, total \$60. Buildings 525, home lot 1—150, wood lot 5—50, Hitchcock lot 2—75, total \$800. Total valuation, \$860.	14 26
1	James Richard Brown.	3 Horses 200, 8 cows 280, 7 yearlings 84, 1 sheep 6, 2 swine 24, total \$594. Buildings 700, home lot 105—1,650, Mountain lot 60—300, total \$2,650. Total valuation, \$3,244	48 18
1	James Reed Brown.	1 Horse 25, 5 cows 140, 1 yearling 15, total \$180. Buildings 700, home lot 66—1,000, total \$1,700. Total valuation, \$1,880.	28 80
1	James S. Blair.	Money \$2,000, 1 horse 200, 1 cow 35, 1 carriage 100, total \$2,335. Buildings 1,500, home lot 4—500, wood lot 14—100, total \$2,100. Total valuation, \$4,435.	65 23
	A. & William Blashfield.	Buildings 1,200, home lot 67—700, Brown lot 3—100, total \$2,000. Total valuation, \$2,000.	28 50
1	Alfred Blashfield.	1 Horse 45, 2 cows 60, 4 sheep 20, total \$125. Total valuation, \$125.	3 86
1	William C. Blashfield.	1 Horse 115, 2 cows 70, 1 carriage 75, total \$260. Total valuation, \$260.	5 71
1	Charles W. Bacon.		2 00
1	Asael Bennett.	1 Horse 25, 1 colt 60, 2 oxen 170, 5 cows 150, 2 two-year-olds 40, 2 yearlings 20, 1 sheep 5, 1 swine 10, total \$480. Buildings 500, home lot 100—1,000, total \$1,500. Total valuation, \$1,980.	30 22
1	Sandford Booth.	1 Horse 125, 2 oxen 150, 8 cows 280, 5 yearlings 65, 10 sheep 50, 2 swine 10, total \$680. Buildings 950, home lot 234—2,650, total \$3,600. Total valuation, \$4,275.	62 99
1	Milo S. Booth.	1 Horse 150, 1 cow 30, total \$180. Buildings 900, home lot 100—1,480, Lombard lot 7—80, Coye lot 50—300, Nichols lot 1—40, total \$2,800. Total valuation, \$2,980.	44 47
1	Orestes Blashfield.	1 Horse 50, 2 cows 60, 1 yearling 10, total \$120. Buildings 300, home lot 22—350, Sessions lot 550, total \$1,200. Total valuation, \$1,320.	20 81
1	John W. Browning.	1 Horse 125, 1 cow 40, 1 carriage 100, total \$265. Buildings 1,000, home lot 2—200, Barrows lot 13¼—75, total \$1,275. Total valuation, \$1,540.	24 09

POLLS.	NAMES.	DESCRIPTION OF ESTATES.	TOTAL TAX.
	Estate J. Bixby.	Buildings 650, home lot 6—240, Bond lot 8—125, total \$1,015. Total valuation, \$1,015.	\$14 54
1	Moses H. Baker.	2 Horses 230, 1 bull 20, 2 oxen 150, 15 cows 450, 1 two-year-old 15, 2 yearlings 20, 20 sheep 80, 1 swine 15, total \$980. Buildings 1,500, home lot 257—3,000, total \$4,500. Total valuation, \$5,480.	80 10
1	Joseph P. Brown.	1 Horse 100, 2 oxen 165, 6 cows 190, 3 swine 20, total \$475. Buildings 700, home lot 110—1,600, Hitchcock lot 50—350, total \$2,650. Total valuation, \$3,125.	46 61
1	John W. Brown.		2 00
1	Chas. E. Bacon.	1 Cow 35. Total valuation, \$35.	2 57
1	George B. Brown.	1 Horse 100, total \$100. Buildings 400, home lot 6—300, total \$700. Total valuation, \$800.	13 41
1	James N. Buxton.	1 Horse 100, 2 oxen 175, 9 cows 315, 3 sheep 15, 1 swine 8, total \$613. Buildings 950, home lot 236—1,850, total \$2,800. Total valuation, \$3,413.	50 60
1	Samuel W. Brown.	2 Horses 150, 4 cows 140, 1 swine 10, 1 carriage 100, total 400. Buildings 1,600, home lot 40—1,100, wood lot 13—100, total \$2,800. Total valuation, \$3,200.	47 60
2	Abner Brown & Son.	1 Horse 100, 2 oxen 175, 8 cows 250, 1 swine 20, total \$545. Buildings 650, home lot 136—1,800, plain lot 8—300, mountain lot 50—450, total \$3,200. Total valuation, \$3,745.	57 44
	J. B. Brown, for Coye place.	Buildings 500, home lot 40—400, total \$900. Total valuation, \$900.	12 83
1	Oscar F. Brown.		2 00
	Brimfield Cheese Co.	Buildings 550, home lot $\frac{1}{2}$ —50, total 600. Total valuation, \$600.	8 55
1	Asa P. Blodget.	2 Oxen 75, 3 cows 105, 2 two-year-olds 50, 3 yearlings 36, total \$266. Buildings 200, home lot 80—800, total \$1,000. Total valuation, \$1,266.	20 10
2	James H. Brown & Son.	2 Horses 200, 8 cows 240, 3 two-year-olds 60, 3 yearlings 45, 1 swine 10, total \$555. Buildings 800, home lot 126—1,730, Abijah lot 23—400, Old Maid lot 31—250, Coye lot 2—120, Maynard lot 50—200, total \$3,500. Total valuation, \$4,055.	61 86
1	Charles A. Brown.	1 Horse 70, 2 cows 60, total \$130. Buildings 325, home lot 30—450, Sprout lot 10—75, total \$850. Total valuation, \$980.	15 98
1	Dauphin Brown.	1 Horse 150, 2 oxen 150, 19 cows 670, 4 yearlings 50, 6 swine 50, 1 carriage 75, total \$1,145. Buildings 800, home lot 200—2,800, Lyman lot 4—200, total \$3,800. Total valuation, \$4,945.	72 54
1	Edward B. Brown.		2 00
1	Samuel H. Brown.	1 Horse 75, 2 oxen 150, 11 cows 365, 3 two-year-olds 60, 1 yearling 12, 5 swine 25, total \$687. Buildings 800, home lot 150—1,800, total \$2,600. Total valuation, \$3,287.	48 89

POLLS.	NAMES.	DESCRIPTION OF ESTATES.	TOTAL TAX.
	Mrs. Mary B. Brown.	Money 1,500, total \$1,500. Buildings 600, home lot 13—400, total \$1,000. Total valuation, \$2,500.	\$35 63
1	Charles O. Brown.	1 Horse 70, 2 cows 60, total \$130. Total valuation \$130.	3 86
1	George Bacon.	1 Horse 100, 6 cows 180, 1 two-year-old 25, total \$305. Buildings 1,300, home lot 14—1,100, wood lot 20—150, Weld lot 275, total \$2,825. Total valuation, \$3,130.	46 75
	Bacon & Lombard.	Swamp lot 27—350. Total valuation, \$350.	4 99
	Bacon, Lombard & Needham.	Hitchcock's lot 54—350. Total valuation, \$350.	4 99
	Bacon & Towne.	Building 100, Haynes lot 60—550, total \$650. Total valuation, \$650.	9 27
1	James T. Brown.	Stock in trade 2,600, total \$2,600. Buildings 2,000, home lot 1—425, wood lot 3—50, total \$2,475. Total valuation, \$5,075.	74 39
	George A. Brown.	Buildings 100, home lot $\frac{1}{8}$ —25, total \$125. Total valuation, \$125.	1 86
1	Avery Benson.	1 Horse 25, 1 cow 25, 1 two-year-old 25, 2 swine 10, total \$85. Buildings 250, home lot 25—350, total \$600. Total valuation, \$685.	11 84
1	Michael T. Brosnahan.	2 Horses 200, 2 oxen 150, 20 cows 700, 3 swine 20, total \$1,070. Buildings 750, home lot 218—2,150, total \$2,900. Total valuation, \$3,970.	58 58
1	John Bradley.	1 Horse 40, 1 colt 35, 2 oxen 90, 6 cows 200, 1 two-year-old 15, 3 swine 15, total \$395. Buildings 150, home lot 90—1,000, total \$1,150. Total valuation, \$1,545.	24 09
	J. Bradley, for Harwood place.	Buildings 50, home lot 75—400, total \$450. Total valuation, \$450.	6 42
1	John Brothers.	1 Cow 35. Total valuation \$35.	2 57
1	John L. Bacon.	3 Horses 180, 2 oxen 150, 2 cows 60, 2 yearlings 24, 1 sheep 8, 2 swine 14, total \$436. Buildings 400, home lot 167—1,975, total \$2,375. Total valuation \$2,811.	42 19
1	James Bachellor.	2 Carriages 150, buildings 900, home lot 5—700, total \$1,600. Total valuation \$1,750.	26 94
1	John Brosnahan.		2 00
1	William H. Bush.		2 00
1	A. E. Barnes.		2 00
1	R. D. Butler.		2 00
2	Philip Blair & Son.	3 Horses 300. Total valuation \$300.	8 28
1	Henry C. Bruce.	1 Horse 25, 1 cow 35, total \$60. Buildings 75, home lot 30—150, total \$225. Total valuation \$285.	6 14
2	Michael Cassiday.	1 Horse 100, 2 oxen 130, 5 cows 150, 1 two-year-old 15, 2 yearlings 20, 5 sheep 25, total \$440. Buildings 300, home lot 125—900, total \$1,200. Total valuation \$1,640.	27 37
2	Abraham Charles & Son.	3 Horses 400, 2 oxen 160, 29 cows 900, 4 swine 35, total \$1,495. Buildings 1,000, home lot 333—4,600, Capt. Charles lot 80—1,000, swamp lot 10—150, total \$6,750. Total valuation \$8,245.	121 57

POLLS.	NAMES.	DESCRIPTION OF ESTATES.	TOTAL TAX.
1	Salem D. Charles.		\$2 00
1	Charles Collis.	1 Horse 50, 2 oxen 100, 6 cows 200, 2 two-year-olds 50, 2 yearlings 24, 1 swine 15, total \$439. Buildings 360, home lot 110—1280, total \$1,640. Total valuation, \$2,079.	31 64
1	John Collis.	2 Horses 175, 2 oxen 150, 5 cows 175, 2 swine 15, total \$515. Buildings 400, home lot 125—1,450, total \$1,850. Total valuation, \$2,365.	35 79
1	John Curley.	2 Oxen 125, 1 swine 8, total \$133. Buildings 1,250, home lot 140—1,500, mountain lot 45—700, Allen lot 1—50, total \$3,500. Total valuation, \$3,633.	53 74
1	Joseph Chaompany.		2 00
1	William M. Cutler.		2 00
1	Lucius A. Cutler.	2 Horses 600, 3 cows 105, 1 two-year-old 25, 1 yearling 15, 2 swine 20, 2 carriages 275, total \$1,040. Buildings 800, home lot 12—500, Nichols lot 52—350, total \$1,650. Total valuation, \$2,690.	40 34
2	Healy Corbin & Son.	2 Horses 150, 9 cows 300, 10 sheep 40, 1 swine 12, 1 carriage 100, total \$602. Buildings 800, home lot 165—1,700, total \$2,500. Total valuation, \$3,102.	48 19
1	Alfred L. Converse.	Money \$3,000. Buildings 1,600, home lot $\frac{1}{4}$ —150, total \$1,750. Total valuation, \$4,750.	69 69
1	Dr. G. F. Chamberlain.	2 Horses \$250. Buildings 2,400, home lot 2—425, Hitchcock lot 4—550, total \$3,375. Total valuation, \$3,625.	53 74
1	Francis E. Cook.	Buildings 200, home lot 8—100, total \$300. Total valuation, \$300.	6 28
1	Royal Cleverly.	1 Cow \$30. Buildings 400, home lot 21—200, total \$600. Total valuation, \$630.	10 98
1	Moses H. Cheever.	1 Horse 100, 2 oxen 150, 7 cows 235, 2 yearlings 22, 1 swine 12, total \$519. Buildings 600, home lot 120—1,400, total \$2,000. Total valuation, \$2,519.	37 91
1	John G. Crouch.		2 00
2	Wm. S. Cowdry & Son.	2 Horses 125, 1 cow 35, total \$160. Buildings 200, home lot 70—400, total \$600. Total valuation, \$760.	14 83
1	John Chaompany.		2 00
1	James Curtis.		2 00
1	Patrick Carey.		2 00
1	Peter O'Day.	Buildings 60, home lot $1\frac{1}{4}$ —40, total \$100. Total valuation, \$100.	1 43
2	George & James Dunham.	1 Horse 150, 4 oxen 225, 6 cows 210, 2 two-year-olds 40, 5 yearlings 60, 1 swine 12, total \$697. Buildings 900, home lot 100—1,600, Sherman lot 44—500, total \$3,000. Total valuation, \$3,697.	56 73
	Achsah Drury.	1 Cow \$35. Buildings 700, home lot 7—200, total \$900. Total valuation, \$935.	13 40
1	Bryant Durant.	Buildings 275, home lot $\frac{1}{3}$ —25, total \$300. Total valuation, \$300.	6 28

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1	Joseph H Davis.		\$2 00
1	Andrew Dunsmore.	1 Horse \$75. Total valuation, \$75.	3 14
1	Edward H. Davenport.	1 Horse 50, 2 oxen 200, 1 cow 30, 1 yearling 15, 1 swine 6, total \$301. Buildings 250, home lot 45—400, Benson lot 30—300, Woodward lot 8—50, total \$1,000. Total valuation, \$1,301.	20 53
1	John P Eastman.		2 00
1	Levi W. Emerson.	Building 300, home lot 1—100, total \$400. Total valuation, \$400.	7 70
1	Jonathan Emerson.	1 Horse 100, 2 oxen 150, 7 cows 210, 1 two-year-old 20, 5 yearlings 60, total \$540. Buildings 700, home lot 81—950, Bond lot 30—140, Draper lot 15—300, Breakneck lot 16—100, wood lot 22—550, total \$2,740. Total valuation, \$3,280.	48 75
1	John A. Elliot.	1 Horse 150, 2 cows 60, 1 two-year-old 20, 1 yearling 10, total \$240. Buildings 200, home lot 160—900, total \$1,100. Total valuation, \$1,340.	21 10
1	Elam Ferry.	2 Horses 150, 2 oxen 150, 4 cows 120, 3 two-year-olds 60, 45 sheep 165, total \$645. Buildings 850, home lot 288—1,675. Ferry lot 10—100, Hitchcock lot 17—75, total \$2,700. Total valuation, \$3,345.	49 74
	E. Ferry for Green place.	Buildings 250, home lot 29—250, total \$500. Total valuation, \$500.	7 13
1	Lambert Ferry		2 00
1	Theodore Farrell.	1 Horse 100, 2 oxen 150, 4 cows 150, total \$400. Buildings 600, home lot 130—1,100, total \$1,700. Total valuation, \$2,100.	31 93
1	John Farrell		2 00
1	Lewis Farrell.	Buildings 350, home lot 23—350, total \$700. Total valuation, \$700.	11 98
1	Rufus Fosket.	3 Cows \$105 Buildings 2,000, home lot 55—855, total \$2,855. Total valuation, \$2,960.	44 33
	Fosket & Holbrook.	4 Horses \$550. Total valuation, \$550.	7 84
1	Charles W. Fosket.	1 Carriage \$125. Total valuation, \$125.	3 86
1	Daniel W. Fosket.		2 00
1	Ephraim Fenton.	2 Horses 200, 2 oxen 200, 1 cow 35, total \$435. Buildings 1,600, home lot 168—2,700, Aldrich lot 13—100, total \$4,400. Total valuation, \$4,835.	70 98
1	Benjamin D. Fenton.	1 Horse 25, 2 oxen 150, 2 cows 65, 2 yearlings 30, 1 sheep 5, total \$275. Buildings 900, home lot 90—1,200, total \$2,100. Total valuation, \$2,375.	35 92
1	Thomas Fitzgerald.	1 Horse 35, 4 cows 140, total \$175. Buildings 340, home lot 69—660, total \$1,000. Total valuation, \$1,175.	18 82
1	Lucius C. Fenton.	3 Horses 245, 2 oxen 175, 12 cows 255, 1 yearling 15, 1 swine 14, total \$704 Buildings 900, home lot 200—1,800, Gassett lot 100, total \$2,800. Total valuation, \$3,504.	51 88

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1	Lester K. Fuller.	1 Cow \$30. Buildings 200, home lot 100—300, total \$500. Total valuation, \$530.	\$9 56
1	L Cooley Ferry.		2 00
1	William Fosket.	1 Horse 130, 2 oxen 150, 4 cows 125, 2 yearlings 25, 3 sheep 15, 1 carriage 75, total \$520. Buildings 800, home lot 115—1,600, total \$2,400. Total valuation, \$2,920.	43 61
1	Elijah Fosket.	1 Horse 50, 1 cow 30, total \$80. Buildings 250, home lot 18—250, Marsh lot 25—125, total \$625. Total valuation, \$705.	12 12
1	Justus K. Fay.	1 Horse 50, 3 cows 105, total \$155. Buildings 500, home lot 100—800, total \$1,300. Total valuation, \$1,455.	22 81
1	Stilman M. Fay.	Buildings and land \$400. Total valuation, \$400.	7 70
	Betsey Ferry.	1 Horse 50, 2 oxen 160, 3 cows 100, 2 two-year-olds 36, 1 yearling 15, 1 swine 10, total \$371. Buildings 600, home lot 126—1,750, total \$2,350. Total valuation, \$2,721.	38 77
2	Ferry & Dix.	2 Horses 225, 2 oxen 165, 9 cows 288, 5 yearlings 70, 2 swine 25, 1 carriage 75, total \$848. Buildings 1,000, home lot 127—1,400, Gleason lot 12—200, total \$2,600. Total valuation, \$3,448.	53 17
1	George L. Fales.		2 00
1	Lyman P. Green.	1 Horse 75, 2 cows 70, total \$145. Buildings 280, home lot 40—150, total \$430. Total valuation, \$575.	10 27
1	William H. Green.	1 Horse 75, 4 cows 125, 1 yearling 15, 2 swine 25, 1 carriage 75, total \$315. Buildings 350, home lot 75—550, Sessions lot 200, total \$1,100. Total valuation, \$1,415.	22 24
1	Solomon S. Gould.	1 Horse \$100. Buildings 400, home lot 2—200, total \$600. Total valuation, \$700.	11 98
1	John Gates.	1 Cow \$30. Total valuation, \$30.	2 43
2	A. W. Griggs & Son.	1 Horse 50, 5 cows 125, total \$175. Buildings 450, home lot 57—750, total \$1,200. Total valuation, \$1,375.	23 67
1	Nathan M. Goodale.	1 Cow \$40. Buildings 1,600, home lot 1—300, total \$1,900. Total valuation, \$1,940.	29 65
1	Alden Goodale.		2 00
	Celista M. Goodale.	1 Cow \$10. Buildings 400, home lot 22—400, total \$800. Total valuation, \$840.	11 97
1	James L. Groves.	Buildings 200, home lot 70—500, total \$700. Total valuation, \$700.	11 98
1	William B. Groves.	1 Horse 25, 1 cow 25, total \$50. Buildings 200, home lot 1—50, total \$250. Total valuation, \$300.	6 29
1	William A. Gilbert.	1 Horse 75, building 50, Webber lot 10—150, total \$200. Total valuation, \$275.	5 99
1	Silas P. Giffin.	2 Oxen 175, 3 cows 90, 2 two-year-olds 45, 2 sheep 10, 1 swine 5, total \$325. Total valuation, \$325.	6 71
	Mrs. S. P. Giffin.	Ives lot 50—200. Total valuation, \$200.	2 85

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1	Horace M. Gardner.	1 Horse 25, 2 oxen 125, 3 cows 90, total \$240. Buildings 500, home lot 100—900, Nichols lot 10—200, total \$1,600. Total valuation, \$1,840.	\$28 23
1	James W. Goss.		2 00
1	Samuel B. Gould.	10 Horses 700, 1 coach 200, total \$900. Buildings 600, home lot 16—400, total \$1,000. Total valuation, \$1,900.	29 08
1	Ezra L. Greenleaf.		2 00
1	James Hannon.	1 Horse 100, 2 cows 65, total \$165. Buildings 340, home lot 59—660, total \$1,000. Total valuation, \$1,165.	18 68
1	Newton S. Hubbard.	2 Horses 200, 2 oxen 150, 15 cows 600, 5 two-year-olds 125, 4 swine 30, total \$1,105. Buildings 1,050, home lot 96—1,925, Dix lot 50—900, Hill lot 17—275, total \$4,150. Total valuation, \$5,255.	76 96
	N. S. Hubbard, for S. Hubbard place.	Buildings 200, home lot 1—50, total \$250. Total valuation, \$250.	3 57
1	John Hubbard.		2 00
1	George M. Hitchcock.	Stock in trade 2,600, 2 horses 300, 1 cow 30, total \$2,930. Buildings 1,350, home lot 32—1,150, total \$2,500. Total valuation, \$5,430.	79 39
1	William K. Howard.	1 Horse 100, 3 cows 90, 1 yearling 15, total \$205. Buildings 400, home lot 57—650, total \$1,050. Total valuation, \$1,255.	19 97
1	Alexander Harwood.	2 Oxen 60, 2 cows 50, 3 yearlings 30, 10 sheep 40, total \$180. Buildings 400, home lot 132—400, total \$800. Total valuation, \$980.	15 97
1	Daniel Howard.	1 Cow 35, 1 two-year-old 25, total \$60. Buildings 150, home lot 2—100, total \$250. Total valuation, \$310.	6 43
1	Marcus Hitchcock.	1 Horse 75, 3 cows 90, 1 two-year-old 20, total \$185. Buildings 800, home lot 76—1,000, total \$1,800. Total valuation, \$1,985.	30 36
1	Edward W. Hitchcock.	1 Horse 50, 4 cows 120, 1 swine 12, total \$182. Buildings 550, home lot 30—550, total \$1,100. Total valuation, \$1,282.	20 25
1	William E. Hitchcock.	2 Oxen 120, 10 cows 250, 5 two-year-olds 75, 2 swine 14, total \$459. Buildings 450, home lot 120—1,750, total \$2,200. Total valuation \$2,659.	39 91
	William E. Hitchcock, for Andrews place.	Buildings 550, home lot 140—\$1,050, total \$1,600. Total valuation, \$1,600.	22 80
1	Harvey D. Hall.	2 Oxen 170, 7 cows 210, 2 swine 20, total \$400. Buildings 400, home lot 150—1,600, total \$2,000. Total valuation, \$2,400.	36 20
1	Joseph C. Hunter.	1 Horse 60, 1 cow 40, total \$100. Buildings 350, home lot 4—175, Russell lot 37—225, total \$750. Total valuation, \$850.	14 12
	Mrs. S. C. Herring.	Buildings 2,900, home lot 7—1,200, wood lot 5—100, Barrows lot 2—150, Heater lot 2—200, total \$4,550. Total valuation, \$4,550.	64 84

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	Estate Samuel A. Hitchcock. Money 87,500, pasture 3—250.		
	Total valuation, \$87,750.		\$1,250 45
	Mrs. R. B. Homer. Money 2,900, buildings 1,300, home lot— $\frac{1}{3}$ 200, total \$1,500. Total valuation, \$4,400.		62 71
1	James Harvey.	1 Cow \$35. Buildings 300, home lot $1\frac{1}{2}$ —100, total \$400. Total valuation, \$435.	8 27
1	Ansel Holbrook.	1 Horse 50, 2 oxen 150, 12 cows 400, 3 two-year-olds 75, 6 yearlings 75, 4 swine 30, total \$780. Buildings 550, home lot 90—1,250, Homer lot 45—450, Dunbar lot 35—600, total \$2,850. Total valuation \$3,630.	53 74
1	Abiram Holbrook.		2 00
1	Daniel Haynes.	Buildings 150, home lot 1—100, wood lot 4—75, total \$325. Total valuation, \$325.	6 71
1	Solomon Homer.	Money 1,200, 1 cow 30, total \$1,230. Buildings 600, home lot $\frac{1}{3}$ —100, Bliss lot 17—175, total \$875. Total valuation, \$2,105.	32 07
1	Chandler Healy.		2 00
1	Luther B. Healy.		2 00
1	George F. Holdridge.	1 Horse 100, 1 cow 35, total \$135. Buildings 300, home lot 17—200, Stebbins lot 106—1,300, total \$1,800. Total valuation, \$1,935.	29 65
1	Walter Haynes.	1 Horse 50, 2 cows 70, total \$120. Buildings 500, home lot 24—400, total \$900. Total valuation, \$1,020.	16 54
1	John Hopkins.	1 Cow \$35. Total valuation, \$35.	2 57
1	Daniel Howell.	1 Horse 50, 1 cow 35, 1 yearling 20, total \$105. Buildings 200, home lot 98—1,100, total \$1,300. Total valuation, \$1,405.	22 10
1	John Hynes.		2 00
	Mrs. J. Hynes.	Buildings 300, home lot $\frac{1}{4}$ —50, total \$350. Total valuation, \$350.	4 99
1	William D. Herring.		2 00
2	Harvey Janes & Son.	1 Horse 120, 6 oxen 420, 4 cows 120, 2 sheep 15, 1 swine 12, 1 carriage 75, total \$762. Buildings 950, home lot 60—950, Weld meadow 5—175, total \$2,075. Total valuation, \$2,837.	44 47
1	David W. Janes.	1 Horse 75, 4 oxen 300, 6 cows 175, 1 sheep 8, 2 swine 18, total \$576. Buildings 900, home lot 53—980, Shumway lot 12—150, Bond lot 16—120, Bruce lot 7—50, total \$2,200. Total valuation, \$2,776.	41 62
1	Patrick Johnson.	2 Horses 160, 2 oxen 125, 6 cows 170, 1 yearling 12, 5 sheep 20, total \$487. Buildings 350, home lot 110—550, total \$900. Total valuation, \$1,387.	21 82
1	William S. Janes.	1 Horse 125, 2 oxen 150, 7 cows 245, total \$520. Buildings 1,000, home lot 50—1,000, Herring lot 17—150, Tarbell lot 6—150, Parker lot 7—100, Hollow lot 7—100, total \$2,500. Total valuation, \$3,020.	45 04

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1	Edwin A. Janes.	1 Horse 100, 4 oxen 250, 5 cows 175, 3 two-year-olds 55, 2 swine 12, total \$592. Buildings 450, home lot 87—1,000, Bond lot 20—100, Falls meadow 2—50, total \$1,600. Total valuation, \$2,192.	\$33 21
1	Ransom J. Kendall.		2 00
1	Lawson Kenney.	Money 400, 1 horse 75, 2 oxen 150, 2 cows 60, total \$685. Buildings 500, home lot 55—400, total \$900. Total valuation, \$1,585.	24 67
	Mrs. T. B. Knight.	Buildings 1,500, home lot 1—300, total \$1,800. Total valuation, \$1,800.	25 65
1	Alfred Lumbard.	2 horses 150, 2 oxen 160, 3 cows 90, 1 yearling 15, 2 swine 20, total \$435. Buildings 800, home lot 119—1,100, total \$1,900. Total valuation, \$2,335.	35 35
1	Emory Livermore.	Buildings 900, home lot 4—600, Herring lot 8—125, total \$1,625. Total valuation, \$1,625.	25 23
	E. Livermore, for John Bond.	Money \$400. Total valuation, \$400.	5 70
1	Harvey Lumbard.	1 Horse 25, 3 oxen 190, 4 cows 135, total \$350. Buildings 900, home lot 166—1,400, total \$2,300. Total valuation, \$2,650.	39 77
1	Edward Lee.	1 Horse 70, 3 cows 80, 1 two-year-old 16, total \$166. Buildings 300, home lot 25—500, total \$800. Total valuation, \$966.	15 83
1	Roswell Lumbard.	1 Cow \$35. Total valuation, \$35.	2 57
1	William Lumbard.	2 Horses 175, 4 oxen 250, 6 cows 200, 1 two-year-old 20, 1 sheep 6, 2 swine 18, total \$669. Buildings 900, home lot 165—1,600, total \$2,500. Total valuation, \$3,169.	47 18
1	John F. Lumbard.	2 Horses 175, 1 cow 40, 1 swine 10, total \$225. Buildings 500, home lot 17—400, total \$900. Total valuation, \$1,125.	18 11
1	Francis D. Lincoln.	3 Horses 200, 7 cows 225, 2 swine 21, 1 carriage 100, total \$546. Buildings 1,000, home lot 150—2,100, Haynes lot 30—400, total \$3,500. Total valuation, \$4,046.	59 72
1	Frank Locke.	1 Horse 25, 1 cow 30, total \$55. Chamberlain mountain 50—100, Chamberlain lot 4—275, total \$375. Total valuation, \$430.	8 28
1	Washington Lamb.	1 two-year-old \$20. Total valuation, \$20.	2 29
1	Timothy Lynes.		2 00
1	A. J. Lamb.	1 Horse \$75. Total valuation, \$75.	3 14
1	Antony McLynn.	1 Horse 100, 2 oxen 120, 5 cows 140, 1 two-year-old 15, 2 swine 10, 1 carriage 75, total \$460. Buildings 400, home lot 123—500, total \$900. Total valuation, \$1,360.	21 39
1	John W. Morgan.	1 Horse 125, 1 cow 40, total \$165. Buildings 900, home lot 12—500, total \$1,400. Total valuation, \$1,565.	24 38
1	Elisha C. Marsh.	1 Horse 130, 2 oxen 150, 6 cows 210, 3 two-year-olds 90, 3 yearlings 45, 1 swine 8, 1 carriage 100, total \$733. Buildings 1,000, home lot 154—1,760, total \$2,760. Total valuation, \$3,493.	51 74

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1	Thomas J. Morgan.	Stock in trade \$500. 1 Horse 150, 1 colt 90, 6 oxen 400, 6 cows 180, total \$1,320. Buildings 2,000, home lot 100—1,200, total \$3,200. Total valuation, \$4,520.	\$66 41
1	David A. Moulton.	2 Horses 60, 5 cows 125, 3 yearlings 30, total \$215. Buildings 400, home lot 110—600, total \$1,000. Total valuation, \$1,215.	19 39
	Estate Michael Maloney.	Buildings 100, home lot 115—900, total \$1,000. Total valuation, \$1,000.	14 25
2	Patrick McIntyre & Son.	1 Horse 50, 2 oxen 155, 7 cows 225, 3 sheep 15, total \$445. Buildings 450, home lot 150—1,550, total \$2,000. Total valuation, \$2,445.	38 92
1	Needham Moulton.	1 Horse \$50. Buildings 100, home lot 3—100, total \$200. Total valuation, \$250.	5 57
1	Amos Monroe.	3 Horses 225, 1 cow 35, 1 carriage 75, total \$335. Buildings 4,750, home lot 1—250, Wheeler lot 7—125, total \$5,125. Total valuation, \$5,460.	79 96
	Palamon Moon.	1 Cow \$30. Buildings 300, home lot 3—200, total \$500. Total valuation, \$530.	7 56
1	Frank Moon.		2 00
1	John D. Moulton.		2 00
1	Rice D. Morgan.		2 00
1	John Moore.		2 00
1	Mills C. Morey.		2 00
2	G. & J. Noyes.	1 Horse 25, 2 oxen 150, 8 cows 240, 1 two-year-old 20, 1 yearling 12, 3 swine 15, total \$462. Buildings 700, home lot 160—2,200, total \$2,900. Total valuation, \$3,362.	51 89
	Gilman Noyes.	Morgan lot 18—\$100. Total valuation, \$100.	1 43
	James Noyes.	Gardner lot 25—\$100. Total valuation, \$100.	1 43
1	Lyman P. Needham.		2 00
1	E. W. Norwood.	Money \$200. Total valuation, \$200.	4 85
1	Darius Needham.	1 Two-year-old \$20. Buildings 150, home lot 20—150, total \$300. Total valuation, \$320.	6 57
1	Abner Nutting.	1 Horse 50, 2 cows 100, 2 two-year-olds 40, 1 yearling 15, 2 sheep 20, total \$225. Buildings 150, home lot 180—2,100, total \$2,250. Total valuation, \$2,475.	37 35
	Estate Albigece Newell.	1 Cow \$30. Buildings 600, home lot 19—350, Lombard 22—300, total \$1,250. Total valuation, \$1,280.	18 25
1	Cheney Newton.	1 Horse 80, 4 cows 130, total \$210. Buildings 600, home lot 22—750, Lombard lot 100, Barrows lot 14—150, Lombard lot 9—100, total \$1,700. Total valuation, \$1,910.	29 23
1	Davis B. Nelson.	2 Cows \$70. Total valuation, \$70.	3 00
1	John S. Needham.	2 Horses 250, 2 cows 70, 1 sheep 6, 1 swine 10, total \$336. Buildings 400, home lot 76—1,000, total \$1,400. Total valuation, \$1,736.	26 80
1	Frank Newton.		2 00

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	Lucy Pyncheon.	1 Cow \$35. Buildings 800, home lot 3—300, total \$1,100. Total valuation, \$1,135.	\$16 25
	Charles Phelps.	Buildings 50, home lot 30—150, total \$200. Total valuation, \$200.	2 85
1	Edward W. Potter.	1 Cow \$35. Buildings 800, home lot 2—400, total \$1,200. Total valuation, \$1,235.	19 67
2	Sumner Parker & Son.	2 Horses 150, 2 colts 125, 4 oxen 350, 29 cows 1,020, 5 swine 50, 1 carriage 100, total \$1,795. Buildings 1,200, home lot 100—2,100, Griggs lot 12—150, wood lot 8—75, Hill lot 10—225, total \$3,750. Total valuation, \$5,545.	83 09
	S. Parker for Homer place.	Buildings 700, home lot 264—4,250, total \$4,950. Total valuation, \$4,950.	70 54
1	Orville S. Parker.		2 00
	Mrs. C. B. Paige.	Building \$125. Total valuation, \$125.	1 86
1	Paul W. Paige.	1 Cow \$35. Total valuation, \$35.	2 57
1	Nehemiah Parker.	1 Horse 50, 2 oxen 125, 3 cows 100, 1 yearling 15, total \$290. Buildings 500, home lot 134—650, total \$1,150. Total valuation, \$1,440.	22 52
1	Albert S. Prouty.	7 Horses 800, 5 cows 150, 2 yearlings 20, 3 sheep 15, 3 swine 25, total \$1,010. Buildings 700, home lot 90—900, total \$1,600. Total valuation, \$2,610.	39 20
2	David Parker & Son.	2 Horses 150, 2 oxen 180, 6 cows 210, 2 sheep 10, 1 swine 10, total \$560. Buildings 700, home lot 120—1,000, Green lot 25—250, Graves lot 3—100, total \$2,050. Total valuation, \$2,610.	41 20
1	Anson Parker.		2 00
1	Penuel Parker.	1 Horse 125, 2 oxen 125, 8 cows 270, 3 swine 40, total \$560. Buildings 1,600, home lot 32—1,250, Morgan lot 40—400, wood lot 7—75, sprout lot 5—50, Charles lot 8—75, Hitchcock lot 12—200, total \$3,650. Total valuation, \$4,210.	62 00
1	Porter A. Parker.	1 Horse 125, 2 oxen 200, 4 cows 100, total \$425. Buildings 700, home lot 72—1,000, total \$1,700. Total valuation, \$2,125.	32 35
	P. A. Parker for Russell place.	Buildings 300, home lot 126—600, total \$900. Total valuation, \$900.	12 83
1	Silas Parker.		2 00
1	Hiram C. Powers.	Money \$5,500. Total valuation, \$5,500.	80 38
1	Norman S. Powers.	1 Horse 75, 2 oxen 150, 12 cows 360, 5 yearlings 50, 5 swine 35, total \$670. Buildings 1,200, home lot 100—1,800, Rooney lot 40—500, total \$3,500. Total valuation, \$4,170.	61 43
1	George Puffer.	1 Horse 35, 1 cow 35, total \$70. Buildings 400, home lot 17—600, total \$1,000. Total valuation, \$1,070.	17 25
1	Alfred E. Pierce.	1 Cow 30, 1 two-year-old 30, total \$60. Buildings 500, home lot 3—250, total \$750. Total valuation, \$810.	13 55
	Parker & Green.	Show lot 114—\$700. Total valuation, \$700.	9 98
1	William H. Perry.		2 00

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1	George S. Parker.	1 Cow \$35. Total valuation, \$35.	\$2 57
1	Horatio Parker		2 00
1	Orson Parker.	5 Horses 250, 2 oxen 160, 2 cows 70, total \$480. Buildings 800, home lot 125—1,000, total \$1,800. Total valuation, \$2,280.	34 49
1	Webster K. Pierce.	.	2 00
1	Martin S. Phillips.	1 Horse 100, 1 cow 35, 1 carriage 75, total \$210. Buildings 400, home lot 45—500, total \$900. Total valuation, \$1,110.	17 83
1	Edmund Ryan.		2 00
1	Henry A. Ryder.		2 00
1	Nathan F. Robinson.	Buildings 2,050, home lot $3\frac{3}{4}$ —250, total \$2,300. Total valuation, \$2,300.	34 78
	N. F. Robinson for George Parker.	Money \$200. Total valuation, \$200.	2 85
	Mrs. H. Russell.	Buildings 300, home lot 2—200, hill pasture 14—75, total \$575. Total valuation, \$575.	8 27
1	William H. Rice.	Stock in trade \$500. Building 75, home lot $\frac{1}{8}$ —25, total \$100. Total valuation, 6 00.	10 56
1	Philip Redding.		2 00
	Mrs. P. Redding.	Buildings 300, home lot 2—100, total \$400. Total valuation, \$400.	5 70
1	John Ratagan.	1 Horse 50, 5 cows 150, 1 two-year-old 15, 1 swine 10, total \$225. Buildings 300, home lot 45—350, Pepper lot 6—50, total \$700. Total valuation, \$925.	15 26
1	Edward Rosebush.	1 Cow \$35. Total valuation, \$35.	2 57
	Michael Rooney.	Buildings 250, home lot 110—800, total \$1,050. Total valuation, \$1,050.	14 97
1	William H. Sherman.	1 Horse 25, 2 oxen 180, 4 cows 130, 7 sheep 35, 1 swine 5, total \$375. Buildings 1,050, home lot 100—1,350, Chamberlain lot 80—500, Hardscrabble lot 20—50, Roper lot 8—20, Keyes lot 2—40, total \$3,010. Total valuation, \$3,385.	50 32
	First Congregational Society.	Buildings 2,100, home lot 1—300, total \$2,400. Total valuation, \$2,400.	34 20
1	Chester Scarborough.	1 Horse 30, 3 cows 80, 3 yearlings 30, 2 sheep 10, 2 swine 15, total \$165. Buildings 300, home lot 65—400, total \$700. Total valuation, \$865.	14 41
1	John C. Spring.	1 Horse 100, 1 bull 30, 3 oxen 230, 11 cows 340, 21 sheep 105, 1 swine 13, total \$818. Buildings 1,000, home lot 145—2,000, Upham lot 63—1,000, total \$4,000. Total valuation, \$4,818.	70 69
1	Lewis W. Stebbins.	1 Horse \$125. Buildings 400, home lot 104—1,000, total \$1,400. Total valuation, \$1,525.	23 81
1	Edward W. Sherman.		2 00
1	Cheney Sherman.		2 00
1	Charles Stone.		2 00

POLLS.	NAMES.	DESCRIPTION OF ESTATES.	TOTAL TAX.
1	John Sherman.	1 Colt 100, 2 oxen 150, 1 cow 35, 1 two-year-old 20, 1 yearling 15, 15 sheep 60, total \$380. Buildings 300, home lot 34—650, Mountain lot 8—125, Pine Swamp 6—125, total \$1,200. Total valuation, \$1,580.	\$24 52
1	Henry Stewart.		2 00
1	Abner Shaw.	1 Horse 60, 2 cows 60, 1 swine 5, total \$125. Buildings 100, home lot $\frac{1}{2}$ —50, total \$150. Total valuation, \$275.	6 00
2	P. F. Spaulding & Son.	Stock in trade 500, 2 Horses 200, 2 cows 90, 1 yearling 40, total \$830. Buildings 1,850, home lot 12—800, wood lot 14—350, total \$3,000. Total valuation, \$3,830.	58 58
1	Josiah Stebbins.	1 Horse 70, 1 colt 75, 2 oxen 180, 8 cows 270, 3 yearlings 45, 5 sheep 25, 2 swine 10, total \$675. Buildings 1,000, home lot 190—2,000, total \$3,000. Total valuation, \$3,675.	54 44
1	Abner Stebbins.	1 Horse \$100. Total valuation, \$100.	3 43
1	George Stetson.	Buildings 425, home lot 11—425, total \$850. Total valuation, \$850.	14 12
1	Cheney Solander.	Buildings 1,050, home lot 3—450, total \$1,500. Total valuation, \$1,500.	23 38
1	William J. Sherman.		2 00
1	Alfred Shaw.	1 Horse 75, 2 oxen 110, 2 cows 60, 1 yearling 12, 1 swine 4, total \$261. Buildings 250, home lot 40—250, total \$500. Total valuation, \$761.	12 84
1	H. King Shaw.		2 00
1	John Shaw.	1 Horse 100, 6 cows 180, 1 yearling 15, 2 sheep 10, 1 swine 7, total \$312. Buildings 125, home lot 60—625, Keyes lot 25—150, total \$900. Total valuation, \$1,212.	19 25
2	Darius Shaw & Son.	Stock in trade 500, 2 horses 200, 2 oxen 175, 3 cows 100, total \$975. Buildings 700, home lot 50—800, Corbin lot 35—200, Charles & Hunter lot 17—60, Hunter lot 9—100, total \$1,860. Total valuation, \$2,835.	44 48
	Mrs. Harvey Smith.	Buildings 300, home lot 1—200, total \$500. Total valuation, \$500.	7 13
	Mrs. Caroline Stetson.	Building 375, home lot $\frac{1}{4}$ —25, total \$400. Total valuation, \$400.	5 70
1	Braman Sibley.	1 Horse 50, 1 cow 35, 1 two-year-old 30, total \$115. Buildings 500, home lot 13—600, total \$1,100. Total valuation, \$1,215.	19 39
1	Braman E. Sibley.		2 00
1	Alvin G. Squires.	Stock in trade \$150. Buildings 500, home lot $1\frac{1}{2}$ —200, total \$700. Total valuation, \$850.	14 12
1	John R. Smith.	2 Horses 250, 5 cows 160, total \$410. Buildings 250, home lot 50—350, total \$600. Total valuation, \$1,010.	16 40
1	Samuel V. Sherman.	Building 100, home lot $\frac{1}{2}$ —25, total \$125. Total valuation, \$125.	3 86
1	Abijah Sherman.		2 00
1	Frank Smith.		2 00

POLLS.	NAMES.	DESCRIPTION OF ESTATES.	TOTAL TAX.
	Elijah T. Sherman.	3 Horses 200, 4 oxen 300, 15 cows 450, 2 two-year-olds 40, 3 yearlings 45, 1 carriage 150, total \$1,185. Buildings 7,200, home lot 220—3,430, Great Swamp 19—100, Herring lot 11—800, Stonage meadow 4—20, Stonage wood lot 20—350, East Hill wood lot 12—100, total \$12,000. Total valuation, \$13,185.	\$187 97
1	Abraham Stone.	1 Horse 70, 1 cow 30, total \$100. Total valuation, \$100.	3 43
1	William G. Stone.		2 00
1	Joseph St. John.		2 00
1	Nelson St. John.		2 00
1	Lewis St. John.		2 00
1	Edward St. John.		2 00
1	Michael Shandley.	1 Horse 100, 2 oxen 150, 18 cows 590, 1 sheep 5, 2 swine 15, total \$860. Total valuation, \$860.	14 26
1	Warren F. Tarbell.	1 Horse 100, 4 cows 130, 1 swine 14, total \$234. Buildings 800, home lot 75—1,000, East Hill lot 15—100, total \$1,900. Total valuation, \$2,134.	32 36
1	Charles S. Tarbell.		2 00
1	Elijah E. Tarbell.	1 Horse 50, 2 cows 65, total \$115. Buildings 700, home lot 18—300, Beckey lot 30—100, total \$1,100. Total valuation, \$1,215.	19 39
1	Michael Traverse.	Money \$200, 1 horse 40, 6 cows 180, 1 yearling 10, 2 swine 10, total \$440. Buildings 275, home lot 83—475, Gleason lot 6—50, Bond lot 10—30, Upham lot 13—100, total \$930. Total valuation, \$1,370.	21 53
1	Albert D. Thomas.	1 Horse 40, 2 oxen 140, 3 cows 100, 1 two-year-old 20, 1 yearling 15, 1 swine 8, total \$323. Buildings 400, home lot 262—1,600, total \$42,000. Total valuation, \$2,323.	35 06
1	George H. Upham.	Building 100, home lot $\frac{1}{8}$ —100, total \$200. Total valuation, \$200.	4 85
1	Charles Varney.	Stock in trade 1,500, machinery 2,000, 5 horses 500, 2 carriages 200, total \$4,200. Buildings 5,000, home lot 5—500, Tyler lot 70—350, total \$5,850. Draper property—buildings 4,000, home lot 6—300, total \$4,300. Total valuation, \$14,350.	206 50
1	William Vallette.	2 Horses 150, 8 cows 285, 3 yearlings 45, 1 sheep 10, total \$490. Buildings 450, home lot 129—1,200, total \$1,650. Total valuation, \$2,140.	32 51
1	Austin Woodard.	1 Horse 25, 2 oxen 150, 3 cows 100, 1 two-year-old 20, 2 yearlings 20, total \$315. Buildings 300, home lot 50—450, Allen lot 33—100, total \$850. Total valuation, \$1,165.	18 68
	Mrs. Luther Webber.	Buildings 150, home lot 26—325, total \$475. Total valuation, \$475.	6 84
1	Joseph L. Woods.	1 Horse 140, 2 cows 70, 1 yearling 15, total \$225. Buildings 350, home lot 38—550, total \$900. Total valuation, \$1,125.	18 11

POLLS.	NAMES.	DESCRIPTION OF ESTATES.	TOTAL TAX.
1	John Wyles.	Money \$10,000. Buildings 4,750, home lot 15—1,750, total \$6,500. Total valuation, \$16,500.	\$237 13
1	William H. Wyles.	3 Horses 600, 1 cow 50, 3 carriages 400, total \$1,050. Building 125, home lot $\frac{1}{8}$ —25, total \$150. Total valuation, \$1,200.	19 11
1	James J. Warren.	1 Horse 75, 2 carriages 200, total \$275. Buildings 1,600, home lot 13—2,100, total \$3,700. Total valuation, \$3,975.	58 72
1	Ezra B. Weld.	1 Horse 25, 2 oxen 180, 4 cows 120, 1 yearling 15, 18 sheep 72, 2 swine 10, total \$422. Buildings 700, home lot 96—1200, total \$1,900. Total valuation, \$2,322.	35 07
1	Augustus Wheeler.	Buildings 750, home lot 42—700, total \$1,450. Total valuation, \$1,450.	22 67
	Estate David Weld.	Money \$500. Total valuation, \$500.	7 13
1	Jonathan P. Webber.	Money 500, 1 horse 125, 1 cow 35, total \$660. Total valuation, \$660.	11 41
1	George P. Wight.	3 Yearlings \$30. Buildings 600, home lot 50—700, total \$1,300. Total valuation, \$1,330.	20 96
1	Emerson Wetherell.	1 Cow \$35. Total valuation, \$35.	2 57
1	Willard Wetherell.		2 00
1	James C. Walker.	Buildings 50, home lot $\frac{1}{2}$ —50, total \$100. Total valuation, \$100.	3 43
1	Simon B. Ward.	Buildings 1,200, home lot 3—400, total \$1,600. Total valuation, \$1,600.	24 80
1	Preston F. Wight.	4 Cows 120, 3 yearlings 30, 3 swine 18, total \$168. Buildings 150, home lot 50—550, total \$700. Total valuation, \$868.	14 26
1	Edwin B. Webber.	1 Horse 75, 2 oxen 110, 6 cows 210, 6 yearlings 90, 2 swine 30, total \$515. Buildings 900, home lot 200—2,000, total \$2,900. Total valuation, \$3,415.	50 74
1	Alpheus Walling.	1 Cow \$35. Total valuation, \$35.	2 57
1	Lyman Webster.		2 00
1	Frank Webster.		2 00
1	George Webster.		2 00
1	John M. Walker.	1 Horse 60, 1 cow 35, total \$95. Total valuation, \$95.	3 43
1	Henry A. Webber.	1 Horse \$75. Total valuation, \$75.	3 14
1	Samuel P. Wales.	1 Horse 125, 1 carriage 100, total \$225. Buildings 2,000, home lot 1—300, total \$2,300. Total valuation, \$2,525.	38 06
1	Morris Welsh.		2 00
1	Charles A. Woodbury.		2 00
1	Ruel A. Williams.	1 Horse 50, 2 oxen 140, 3 cows 100. 2 yearlings 28, 3 sheep 15, total \$333. Buildings 500, home lot 150—1,400, total \$1,900. Total valuation, \$2,233.	33 79
1	Reuben Walls.		2 00

NON-RESIDENTS.

POLLS.	NAMES.	DESCRIPTION OF ESTATES.	TOTAL TAX.
	John Aldrich,	<i>Monson</i> , wood lot 7—\$50. Total valuation, \$50.	\$0 72
	William Sutcliff,	<i>Monson</i> , tillage and pasture 103—\$700. Total valuation, \$700.	9 98
	Charles Carpenter,	<i>Monson</i> , pasture, 28—\$500. Total valuation, \$500.	7 13
	Daniel G. Green,	<i>Monson</i> , Lombard lot 12—150, Fay place 130—650, Noyes lot 4—40, Foster lot 14—140, Converse lot 60—720. Total valuation, \$1,700.	24 23
	A. J. Northup,	<i>Monson</i> , Alum pond wood lot 30—\$1,000. Total valuation, \$1,000.	14 25
	William Fenton,	<i>Monson</i> , pasture and tillage 10—\$200. Total valuation, \$200.	2 85
	Royal Buffington,	<i>Monson</i> , wood lot 10—\$150. Total valuation, \$150.	2 14
	Col. Isaac King,	<i>Palmer</i> , pasture and tillage 146—\$1,800. Total valuation, \$1,800.	25 65
	Edward Ashworth,	<i>Palmer</i> , pasture and tillage 40—\$700. Total valuation, \$700.	9 98
	A. V. Blanchard & Co.,	<i>Palmer</i> , wood lot 170—\$1,800. Total valuation, \$1,800.	25 65
	Jonas Blodgett,	<i>Palmer</i> , pasture 40—\$600. Total valuation, \$600.	8 55
	William R. Parks,	<i>Palmer</i> , buildings 1,500, home lot 50—500. Total valuation, \$2,000.	28 50
	John Fenton & Son,	<i>Palmer</i> , pasture and wood lot 110—\$1,500. Total valuation, \$1,500.	21 38
	John Converse,	<i>Palmer</i> , 2 horses 100, 4 cows 150, 26 sheep 78. Total valuation, \$328.	4 71
	Estate Elisha Converse,	<i>Palmer</i> , buildings 1,000, home lot 340—3,500. Total valuation, \$4,500.	64 13
	John Morgan,	<i>Palmer</i> , wood lot 14 —\$100. Total valuation, \$100.	1 43
	A. W. Crossinan & Son,	<i>Warren</i> , 2 horses 150, 4 oxen 280, total \$430. Old store 100, home lot 50, Dada Blodget place, buildings 200, home lot 100—1,000, Asa Ware's place, buildings 250, home lot $\frac{1}{2}$ —50, Thayer property 6—300, Calvin Blodget place, buildings 400, home lot 4—500, Erwin Gould place, building 75, home lot $\frac{1}{2}$ —25, Hiram Powers place, buildings 1,000, home lot 93—2,500, Frost place 107—900, Homer place, buildings 1,200, home lot 40—600, brickyard and sawmill 3,500, total \$12,650. Total valuation, \$13,080.	186 40
	Daniel Haley,	<i>Warren</i> , buildings 1,000, home lot 163—2,800. Total valuation, \$3,800.	54 15
	Charles Bemis,	<i>Warren</i> , pasture 23—\$500. Total valuation, \$500.	7 13
	Samuel H. Bliss,	<i>Warren</i> , mowing and tillage 20—\$400. Total valuation, \$400.	5 70
	Dwight Ellis,	<i>Warren</i> , mowing and tillage 17—\$375. Total valuation, \$375.	5 42

POLLS.	NAMES.	DESCRIPTION OF ESTATES.	TOTAL TAX.
	Charles Gleason,	<i>Warren</i> , mowing and tillage 35—\$550. Total valuation, \$550.	\$7 84
	George H. Cochran,	<i>Warren</i> , mowing and tillage 80—\$1,250. Total valuation, \$1,250.	17 82
	Elam Sherman,	<i>Warren</i> , mowing and tillage 26—\$500. Total valuation, \$500.	7 13
	Samuel N. Gleason,	<i>Warren</i> , wood and meadow 15—\$100. Total valuation, \$100.	1 43
	John Tyler,	<i>Warren</i> , meadow and wood 27—\$600. Total valuation, \$600.	8 55
	Jairus Walker,	<i>Warren</i> , wood lot 15—\$350. Total valuation, \$350.	4 99
	Pardon Allen,	<i>Warren</i> , buildings 200, home lot 2—200. Total valuation, \$400.	5 70
	Joseph Highland,	<i>Sturbridge</i> , sprout land 19—\$175. Total valuation, \$175.	2 57
	Simeon M. Streeter,	<i>Sturbridge</i> , pasture 13—\$150. Total valuation, \$150.	2 14
	Patrick King,	<i>Sturbridge</i> , wood and tillage 75—\$1,000. Total valuation, \$1,000.	14 25
	John W. Draper,	<i>Sturbridge</i> , shingle swamp 37—185, Drury lot 27—375. Total valuation, \$560.	7 98
	Austin Allen,	<i>Sturbridge</i> , wood, tillage and pasture 75—\$900. Total valuation, \$900.	12 83
	John Cunningham,	<i>Sturbridge</i> , 2 horses 150, 5 cows 175, total \$325. Building 50, home lot 60—650, total \$700. Total valuation, \$1,025.	14 69
	Nehemiah Underwood,	<i>Sturbridge</i> , pasture and tillage 106—\$1,000. Total valuation, \$1,000.	14 25
	Simeon F. Marsh,	<i>Sturbridge</i> , pasture 28—\$700. Total valuation, \$700.	9 98
	Truman Charles,	<i>Sturbridge</i> , pasture, wood and meadow 70—\$600. Total valuation, \$600.	8 55
	Charles E. Lumbard,	<i>Sturbridge</i> , wood lot 12—\$300. Total valuation, \$300.	4 28
	Freland Bemis,	<i>Sturbridge</i> , wood and pasture 36—\$400. Total valuation, \$400.	5 70
	John W. Lawrence,	<i>Shrewsbury</i> , buildings 500, home lot 180—2,200, Lyman lot 14—350, total \$3,000. Total valuation, \$3,000.	42 75
	John McLaughlin,	<i>Brookfield</i> , wood lot 10—\$100. Total valuation, \$100.	1 43
	Alfred Rice,	<i>Brookfield</i> , wood lot 12—\$150. Total valuation, \$150.	2 14
	Alvin Hyde,	<i>Brookfield</i> , buildings 300, home lot \$325. Total valuation, \$625.	8 98
	Laurens Upham,	<i>Brookfield</i> , pasture 85—\$550. Total valuation, \$550.	7 84
	William A. Webber,	<i>Holland</i> , meadow 6—\$175. Total valuation, \$175.	2 57

POLLS.	NAMES.	DESCRIPTION OF ESTATES.	TOTAL TAX.
	George L. Webber,	<i>Holland</i> , meadow, 6—\$175. Total valuation, \$175.	\$2 57
	William Lynn,	<i>Holland</i> , swamp 6—\$50. Total valuation, \$50.	72
	Estate of E. G. Fuller,	<i>Holland</i> , wood lot 12—\$100. Total valuation, \$100.	1 43
	William Wallis,	<i>Holland</i> , wood lot 10—\$100. Total valuation, \$100.	1 43
	Horace Wallis & Son,	<i>Holland</i> , tillage and sprout land, 59—\$600. Total valuation, \$600.	8 55
	William A. Robbins,	<i>Holland</i> , swamp 15—\$100. Total valuation, \$100.	1 43
	James A. Webber,	<i>Holland</i> , meadow 15—\$300. Total valuation, \$300.	4 23
	Daniel Shaw,	<i>Wales</i> , buildings 200, home lot 23—400. Total valuation, \$600	8 55
	Horace Gardner,	<i>Wales</i> , pasture and tillage 34—\$375. Total valuation, \$375.	5 42
	Eli Gardner,	<i>Wales</i> , wood and pasture 50—\$450. Total valuation, \$450.	6 42
	Friend Smith,	<i>Wales</i> , meadow 15—\$270. Total valuation, \$270.	3 85
	William A. Thompson,	<i>Wales</i> , meadow 3—\$30. Total valuation, \$30.	43
	William K. Dimick,	<i>Wales</i> , building 25, home lot 1—50. Total valuation, \$75.	1 14
	Royal Nelson,	<i>Wales</i> , buildings 350, home lot 30—500. Total valuation, \$850.	12 12
	Hamilton Woolen Company,	<i>Southbridge</i> , land flowage \$200. Total valuation, \$200.	2 85
	M. E. Shattuck,	<i>Worcester</i> , 1 Horse 75, 2 oxen 175, 14 cows 485, 2 swine 20, total \$755. Buildings 1,100, home lot 137—1,900, total \$3,000. Total valuation, \$3,755.	53 58
	Samuel Rockwell & Company,	<i>Stafford Springs</i> , wood lot 14—\$1,000. Total valuation, \$1,000.	14 25
	Harvey Walker,	<i>Brooklyn</i> , buildings 1,100, home lot 12—500. Total valuation, \$1,600.	22 80
	Estate of George W. Upham.	Buildings 1,000, home lot 82—1,400, Lyman Upham place 58—1,100. Total valuation, \$3,500.	49 88

TABLE OF AGGREGATES.



For the Town of Brimfield, of Polls, Property, &c., Assessed May 1st, 1874.

Total number of Polls, - -	305.	Total tax on Polls, - -	\$610 00
Total value of Personal Estate, - - - - -			\$194,000 00
Total value of Real Estate, - - - - -			\$434,130 00
Total tax for State, County, and Town purposes, - - -			\$9,554 85
Rate per cent. of Total Tax, - - - - -		\$14.25 per \$1,000	00
Total value, May 1, 1874, - - - - -			\$628,130 00
Total number of Dwellings, - - - - -			256
“ “ “ Horses, - - - - -			237
“ “ “ Cows, - - - - -			757
“ “ “ Sheep, - - - - -			219
“ “ “ Acres, - - - - -			20,916

DARIUS SHAW,	} Assessors of Brimfield.
W. F. TARBELL,	
SAMUEL W. BROWN,	

SCHOOL REPORT.

THE statutes require that an annual report of the conditions of the schools shall be made to the town at the end of the school year. In compliance with that law, the School Committee submit the following :

The town has supported eight schools, each continuing thirty weeks ; a term of nine weeks in the spring and fall, and one of twelve weeks in the winter ; also a primary school in the centre district, continuing twelve weeks. The whole number of scholars attending the schools in winter, and the average attendance, is as follows :

Dist. No.	1,	Whole No. of Scholars,	35,	Average attendance,	29.22
" "	2,	" "	31,	" "	25.49
" "	3,	" "	20,	" "	14.29
" "	4,	" "	16,	" "	11.90
" "	5,	" "	12,	" "	11.49
" "	6,	" "	16,	" "	13.81
" "	8,	" "	16,	" "	14.47
" "	10,	" "	28,	" "	21.76

If the number of schools could be reduced to six, the town would profit by such a measure. The school on Tower Hill had nine pupils (including two under five years of age) in the spring, eight in the fall, and twelve in the winter. If that school could have twice the number of pupils that it now has, great advantages would be gained by the increase.

The school at Powers Corner has been enlarged by additions from No. 7, where all of the scholars in that district have attended school the past year, with the exception of one pupil. Having an average number of about twenty scholars, and having a succession of good teachers, no school in town has made steadier or more rapid progress, during the last two years, than this; so that it now ranks with some of the best in town. We had almost despaired of this school. On account of its location, and the great difficulty in obtaining suitable board, it was almost impossible to employ any competent teacher to go there. A male teacher was employed for the winter, who walked two miles daily to his boarding-place. We take the liberty to say to the inhabitants in this district, we feel they are under the deepest obligations to him for his perseverance, and his faithfulness to the scholars. But success is his reward. We are happy to say that this remark applies also to the two teachers who preceded him. An effort was made to continue the winter term of school two weeks by private contribution, but failed for lack of material support. The Committee did not feel justified to make an extra appropriation to this school to the exclusion of others.

The term of school at East Brimfield was prolonged two weeks by private subscription, which speaks well for both parents and teacher. Allow us to say, that in no other district has the teacher received a heartier or more cordial support.

In only one instance have we been called upon to exercise the right to convey children from one district to another at the expense of the town, and for the conveyance of only one scholar has money been paid.

The school-houses in Districts Nos. 4 and 5 have been repaired the past year. Although the furniture of these school-rooms is not of modern style and improvement, they have been made warm, comfortable and convenient.

The school-house at East Brimfield needs thorough repairs. The whole inside structure should be remodeled and new

furniture put in. We recommend that a Committee be chosen by the town to carry the same into effect, or to investigate the matter and report to the town as soon as practicable what action should be taken.

The attendance upon the public schools the past winter will not come up to the average. There may be good reasons for the delinquency, as influenza and sickness from other causes has prevailed to a greater extent than usual. But it seems necessary to frequently caution parents and guardians not to be careless or indifferent to the best good of the children, as well as the school, by allowing them to be absent occasionally for any trivial cause.

The positive injury to both has been so clearly set forth in former reports that we forbear to make any further comments. We believe every thoughtful, conscientious parent will view this matter in the same light that we do, and carefully guard against this evil. We also ask you to visit them much more frequently than you do, to know yourselves just what they are doing while in the school. It is safe to assert that not over one-fourth of the parents ever step inside of the school-room, and not over one-fifth of them at any other time than at the closing examination. This is not the fact in every district, but as a general rule the statement holds good. Here is a duty that is almost criminally neglected. In nothing else will a parent so entirely trust his interest to somebody else as he does in this. Again, we ask you to visit them, not only at the closing examinations, but from time to time, to see them in their daily working order. Closing examinations are not always an exact specimen of what you may see from day to day. Sometimes the exercises may be especially prepared for the occasion; they may be made a showy, brilliant exercise, rather than a true test of scholarship.

It is not our purpose, in this report, to enter into a discussion of the great questions of reform in methods of teaching, that have been so thoroughly discussed by the best educators in the state, and which were so fully and ably set forth in the

report of the chairman of the School Committee last year ; we will simply allude to such improvement in methods as have been made, also speak of some of the defects in methods that are still pursued by some teachers.

The old method of teaching children to spell and read is rapidly going out of use. In no instance have we seen the pupil called to the side of the teacher to name the letters of the alphabet as they are pointed out to him, then by the aid of the memory required to form letters into syllables and syllables into words ; but we have seen the child taught to read, spell and write, at the same time, by bringing into use the perceptive faculties to aid the memory. He is required to first study the object or thing itself, then the word that represents the thing, by first carefully observing its form, then the teacher writes the word in plain letters upon the blackboard, when it is again studied, and then copied by the pupil, until he is familiar with the word and its use, and he can write it in a legible hand. The better results attained are not only in a saving of time, but the curiosity of the pupil is at once excited, which stimulates the mind to greater activity, also cultivates the perceptive as well as the memory. Hence the foundation is laid for intelligent systematic work.

The attention of the Committee has been directed to the waste of time spent in reading as practiced by some teachers. By inquiring, we find that nearly one-third of the time is consumed in this branch of study. Yet the results attained do not compensate for the time occupied.

It is said that "the purposes to be accomplished by this branch of study are, first to acquire a knowledge of words, so as to be able to understand the thoughts which they express ; second, to gain the power to express those thoughts to others, with proper tones, inflections and emphasis ; third, to acquire a love for reading." If the first purpose be to acquire a knowledge of the meaning of words, then the pupil should not be allowed to read a single sentence only to acquire that knowledge. Yet how often selections are made by the teacher, which the pupils are required to read (or rather

pretend to read), page after page, when nearly all the more important words are meaningless to them. Teachers should be very careful in their selections of lessons, and then by careful questioning ascertain if the pupil understands the meaning and use of the words studied, thus continuing from step to step until the work is accomplished. We have seen some excellent training of primary classes, and hope to see the same plan adopted by all the teachers.

The study of English Grammar, as laid down in the text-books, has been discontinued in all the schools, excepting the one at Powers' Corner. Here a class of scholars, who have reached the age of fifteen, have studied the text-book for the reason that they will not enter the High School where this work can be more thoroughly done than in the elementary school. But the study of language is made more prominent by the use of the blackboard for illustration, by the writing of simple compositions, by familiar conversational exercises, and the correction of false or ungrammatical expressions.

One great fault in nearly all our schools is, that teachers place too much dependence upon their text-books. Oral instruction and object teaching must, to a great extent, be substituted in order to achieve the highest success. More conversational teaching, with familiar illustrations and practical demonstrations, will make a healthier and more lasting impression on the mind of the pupil. By no means would we discard the use of the text-book, for it is a valuable aid to the teacher as well as the pupil. But no teacher should feel satisfied with his work, by simply preserving order, reading the questions, and requiring the answer in the exact language of the text. Many can do this, who would mistake their profession were they to attempt to teach.

Perhaps no branch of study in our public schools should be taught more independently of text-books than arithmetic. Illustrations with objects and practical demonstrations should take the place of texts and formulas.

We believe that the fundamental rules of Arithmetic can be taught with greater facility by the use of the numeral frame,

marbles, pebbles, or some other convenient objects, for illustration, than in any other way. These principles must be thoroughly mastered before the pupil is allowed to take one step in advance. Abstract numbers should be used as little as possible; concrete numbers should be used when practicable. For instance, such examples were given: Multiply 754 by 13; 1,236 by 37. Such exercises may show to others with what facility and accuracy the pupil is able to reckon, but the practical benefit is to be derived from the use of concrete numbers. Principles should be first studied, and then reduced to practice, not only by taking examples found in the text-book, but by applying them to other things that will be of practical use in the ordinary business of life. When pupils are thus taught, no rules or formulas are needed, only such as they are able to give in their own language.

An article in the town warrant, "To see if the town will appropriate money to purchase maps and globes for the use of the Public Schools," is to be acted upon. We believe that every intelligent voter in town, after a fair consideration of the subject, will vote the appropriation. Nothing else is so much needed in the school-room for illustration to aid the pupil in the study of Geography. In nothing else have pupils suffered such intolerable burdens from the "cramming" process as in this study. They are often required to commit to memory page after page of descriptive matter, of which they have no intelligent idea, or to locate places all over the inhabitable globe, of which they have not the slightest conception. It is almost painful, sometimes, to witness the efforts a pupil makes to recall to his memory a single line or sentence that he has studied over and over, and if once recalled, it is meaningless to him.

Such a course of study should be abandoned at once, and conscientious, intelligent teaching substituted in its place. By a judicious use of the globe and the wall-maps, in connection with the blackboard and the text-book, incalculably better results would be attained in one-half or even one-third of the time.

Teachers meetings have been held every two weeks during the Winter, and nearly as often through the school year. The prompt attendance of teachers and others, and the apparent interest manifested by them, gave evidence that these meetings were not only pleasant but profitable. The object of them is mutual improvement by discussing such questions as any member may present relating to school government, discipline or methods of teaching. Essays, select readings, also dictation exercises in drawing have found their place there. We acknowledge our indebtedness to the principal of the High School, who has shown special interest in the meetings by his constant attendance and hearty co-operation, being always ready to do his share of the work. Many timely hints and valuable suggestions have been made by him which we trust will prove not only to be practicable, but profitable to the teachers.

WARREN F. TARBELL,	}	<i>School Committee.</i>
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FINANCIAL REPORT

OF THE

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WITH THE

REPORT OF THE ASSESSORS.

FOR THE YEAR ENDING MARCH 15, 1876.



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Valuation and Tax, 1875.

BRIMFIELD, MASS.

POLLS.	NAMES.	DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY.	TOTAL TAX.
1	Elijah Allen.	Buildings 850, home lot $\frac{1}{2}$ acre 50. Total valuation, \$900.	\$14 60
1	Montravill Ackhert.	2 Horses 225, 1 cow 25, total \$250. Buildings 300, home lot 50—450, total \$750. Total valuation, \$1000.	16 00
2	Parsons Allen & Son.	2 Horses 175, 4 oxen 325, 9 cows 315, 1 two-year-old 20, 3 yearlings 36, 5 sheep 25, 3 swine 25, total \$921. Buildings 700, home lot 78—1,100, Perry meadow 4—100, hard-scrabble 17—200, break-neck 34—600, north-east 30—350, Shumway lot 9—150, total \$3,200. Total valuation, \$4,121.	61 68
	Harriet Allen.	Buildings 250, home lot 50—500. Total valuation, \$750.	10 50
2	S. Allen & Son.	1 Horse 25, 2 cows 65, 1 swine 5, total \$95. Buildings 500, home lot 52—500, wood lot 7—50, Bates lot 6—50, total \$1,100. Total valuation, \$1,195.	20 80
1	Alonzo Allen.	2 Cows 60, total \$60. Buildings 200, home lot 60—350, total \$550. Total valuation, \$610.	10 54
1	Lucius Agard.	1 Horse 25, 4 oxen 200, 6 cows 180, 1 yearling 12, 10 sheep 45, total \$462. Buildings 250, home lot 60—900, total \$1,150. Total valuation, \$1,612.	24 54
1	George Adams.	1 Horse 40, 2 cows 66, 1 swine 10, total \$116. Buildings 300, home lot 37—300, total \$600. Total valuation, \$716.	12 08
1	Warren Agard.	1 Horse 65, 2 oxen 120, 4 cows 120, 1 two year-old 20, 1 yearling 12, 1 sheep 6, total \$343. Buildings 150, home lot 90—900, total \$1,050. Total valuation, \$1,393.	21 46

POLLS.	NAMES.	DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY.	TOTAL TAX.
1	Henry Adams.	1 Horse 30, 2 cows 70, 1 swine 7, total \$107. Buildings 350, home lot 24—325, total \$675 Total valuation, \$782.	\$13 06
1	Austin Andrews.	1 Horse 100, 3 cows 100, total \$200. Buildings 1,000, home lot 166—1,450, Spunnel lot, 9—150, total \$2,600. Total valuation, \$2,800.	41 20
1	Barney Adams.		2 00
1	Julius Bacon.		2 00
1	Henry F. Brown.	Buildings 1,100, home lot 1—200 total \$1,300. Total valuation, \$1,300.	20 20
1	Edward Bliss.	1 Horse 100, 2 oxen 150, 2 cows 60, carriage 75, total \$385. Buildings 1,500, home lot 3—500, wood lot 65—600, Hitchcock lot 16—530, Russell lot 5—70, Lombard lot, 8—100, total \$3,300. Total valuation, \$3,685.	53 66
1	Ira B. Brown.	1 Cow 30, total \$30. Buildings 530, home lot 1—150, wood lot 5—50, Hitchcock lot 2—70, total \$800. Total valuation, \$830.	13 62
1	J. Richard Brown.	2 Horses 175, 6 cows 210, 7 two-year-olds 140, 3 yearlings 45, 2 swine 25, total \$595. Buildings 700, home lot 105—1,650, Mountain lot 60—300, total \$2,650. Total valuation, \$3,245.	47 50
1	J. Reade Brown.	2 Oxen 100, 4 cows 120, 1 two-year-old 30, 3 yearlings 40, total \$290. Buildings 700, home lot 66—1,000, total \$1,700. Total valuation, \$1,990.	29 86
1	John W. Brown.		2 00
1	James S. Blair.	Money 2,000, 1 horse 200, 1 cow 40, 1 carriage 100, total \$2,340. Buildings 1,500, home lot 4—500, wood lot 14—100, total \$2,100. Total valuation, \$4,440.	63 60
	A. & W. Blashfield.	Buildings 1,200, home lot 67—700, Brown lot 3—100, total \$2,000. Total valuation, \$2,000.	28 00
1	Alfred Blashfield.	1 Horse 40, 2 cows 64, 6 sheep 24, total \$128. Total valuation, \$128.	3 82
1	Wm. C. Blashfield.	1 Horse 100, 2 cows 66, 1 swine 8, carriage 75, total \$249. Total valuation, \$249.	5 50
1	Asael Bennett.	1 Horse 25, 2 oxen 165, 4 cows 120, 3 two-year-olds 60, 2 yearlings 25, 1 sheep 6, 1 swine 14, total \$415. Buildings 500, home lot 100—1,000, total \$1,500. Total valuation, \$1,915.	28 88
1	Sanford Booth.	1 Horse 100, 2 oxen 115, 7 cows 245, 5 two-year-olds 120, 9 yearlings 120, 43 sheep 160, 2 swine 12, carriage 75, total \$947. Buildings 950, home lot 210—2,650, total \$3,600. Total valuation, \$4,547.	65 70
1	Milo S. Booth.	2 Oxen 135, 3 cows 105, 2 yearlings 30, 25 sheep 60, 1 swine 15, total \$345. Buildings 600, home lot 100—1,480, Lombard lot, 7—80, Coy lot 50—300, Nichols lot 1—40, total \$2,500. Total valuation, \$2,845.	41 90

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1	Orestes Blashfield.	1 Horse 50, 2 cows 70, 1 yearling 12, total \$132. Buildings 300, home lot 22—350, Sessions lot 550, total \$1,200. Total valuation, \$1,332.	\$20 62
1	John W. Browning.	1 Horse 125, 1 cow 40, carriage 100, total \$265. Buildings 1,000, home lot 2—200, Barrows lot 1 $\frac{3}{4}$ —100, total \$1,300. Total valuation, \$1,565.	23 98
	Est. of J. Bixby.	Buildings 650, home lot 6—240, Bond lot 8—125, total \$1,015. Total valuation, \$1,015.	14 28
1	Moses H. Baker.	3 Horses 250, 17 cows 550, 2 two-year-olds 40, 2 yearlings 30, 22 sheep 88, 1 swine 14, total \$972. Buildings 1,500, home lot 257—2,850, total \$4,350. Total valuation, \$5,322.	76 48
1	Joseph P. Brown.	1 Horse 100, 2 oxen 175, 5 cows 175, 1 two-year-old 20, 2 yearlings 24, 2 swine 15, total \$509. Buildings 700, home lot 110—1,600, Hitchcock lot 50—350, total \$2,650. Total valuation, \$3,159.	46 24
1	Charles E. Bacon		2 00
1	Geo. B. Brown.	1 Horse 100, total \$100. Buildings 500, home lot 6—240, total \$740. Total valuation, \$840.	13 76
1	James N. Buxton.	1 Horse 75, 2 oxen 150, 9 cows 315, 1 yearling 15, 5 sheep 20, 1 swine 6, total \$581. Buildings 950, home lot 236—1,900, total \$2,850. Total valuation, \$3,431.	50 02
1	Samuel W. Brown.	2 Horses 125, 3 cows 105, swine 8, carriage 100, total \$338. Buildings 1,600, home lot 37—1,150, wood lot 12—100, total \$2,850. Total valuation, \$3,188.	46 66
2	Abner Brown & Son.	1 Horse 100, 2 oxen 165, 10 cows 300, 1 two-year-old 25, 3 swine 30, total \$620. Buildings 650, home lot 136—1,800, plain 8—300, mountain 50—450, total \$3,200. Total valuation, \$3,820.	57 48
	James B. Brown.	Buildings 500, home lot 40—500, total \$1,000. Total valuation, \$1,000.	14 00
1	Oscar F. Brown.		2 00
	Brimfield Cheese Co.	Buildings 550, lot $\frac{1}{2}$ —50, total \$600. Total valuation, \$600.	8 40
1	Asa P. Blodget.	2 Oxen 125, 3 cows 105, 3 two-year-olds 45, total \$275. Buildings 200, home lot 80—800, total \$1,000. Total valuation, \$1,275.	19 92
2	James H. Brown & Son.	3 Horses 275, 2 oxen 100, 9 cows 315, 4 two-year-olds 90, 3 yearlings 40, 1 swine 15, total \$835. Buildings 1,000, home lot 126—1,730, Abijah lot 23—400, Old Maid lot 31—250, Coy lot 2—60, Maynard lot 50—300, total \$3,740. Total valuation, \$4,575.	69 12
1	Charles A. Brown.	1 Horse 70, 2 cows 70, 2 two-year-olds 40, total \$180. Buildings 400, home lot 30—450, sprout lot 10—75, total \$925. Total valuation, \$1,105.	17 54
1	Edward B. Brown.		2 00

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1	Dauphin Brown.	1 Horse 150, 2 oxen 140, 18 cows 630, 4 two-year-olds 80, 7 swine 50, total \$1,050. Buildings 800, home lot 204—3,000, total \$3,800. Total valuation, \$4,850.	\$69 90
1	Samuel H. Brown.	1 Horse 75, 2 oxen 125, 14 cows 490, 1 two-year-old 20, 3 yearlings 45, 6 swine 30, total \$785. Buildings 800, home lot 150—1,800, total \$2,600. Total valuation, \$3,385.	49 46
	Mary B. Brown.	Money \$1,300. Buildings 600, home lot 13—400, total \$1,000. Total valuation, \$2,300.	32 20
1	Charles O. Brown.	1 Horse 50, 1 cow 35, total \$85. Total valuation, \$85.	3 26
1	George Bacon.	1 Horse 100, 8 two-year-olds 160, total \$260. Buildings 1,300, home lot 14—1,100, total \$2,400. Total valuation, \$2,660.	39 24
	Bacon & Lombard.	Swamp lot 27—400. Total valuation, \$400.	5 60
	Bacon & Needham.	Hitchcock lot 54—350. Total valuation, \$350.	4 90
	Bacon & Town.	Barn 100, Haynes lot 60—550, total \$650. Total valuation, \$650.	9 10
1	James T. Brown.	Stock in trade 2,600, total \$2,600. Buildings 2,000, home lot 1—350, Wood lot 3—50, total \$2,400. Total valuation, \$5,000.	72 00
1	Avery Benson.	1 Horse 25, 1 cow 28, 1 yearling 15, 3 sheep 18, total \$86. Buildings 250, home lot 55—400, total \$650. Total valuation, \$736.	12 36
1	Michael T. Brosnehan.	2 Horses 125, 2 oxen 150, 18 cows 630, 3 two-year-olds 60, 5 yearlings 60, 3 swine 18, total \$1,043. Buildings 750, home lot 218—2,150, total \$2,900. Total valuation, \$3,943	57 16
	Blair & Collis.	Barn 100, home lot 90—900. Total valuation, \$1,000.	14 00
	John Bradley.	Buildings 50, Harwood place 75—400, total \$450. Total valuation, \$450.	6 30
	George A. Brown.	Buildings 100, home lot $\frac{1}{8}$ —25, total \$125. Total valuation, \$125.	1 82
1	John Brothers.	2 Cows 70, 1 swine 15. Total valuation, \$85.	3 26
	John L. Bacon.	2 Oxen 150, 3 cows 100, 1 two-year-old 20, 5 sheep 15, total \$285. Buildings 500, home lot 167—1,975, Bacon lot 20—150, total \$2,625. Total valuation, \$2,910.	40 88
1	James Bachellor.	2 Carriages \$150. Buildings 900, home lot 5—700, total \$1,600. Total valuation, \$1,750.	26 50
1	William H. Bush.	1 Horse \$50. Total valuation, \$50.	2 70
1	Enoch Bush.		2 00
1	A. E. Barnes.		2 00
1	R. D. Butler.		2 00
2	Henry C. Bruce.	1 Horse 25, 1 cow 35, 1 yearling 15, total \$75. Buildings 75, home lot 30—150, total \$225. Total valuation, \$300.	8 34
1	Marshal Benson.		2 00

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1	Wilfred Baker.		\$2 00
1	Henry Blodget.		2 00
1	Alleck Brothers.		2 00
1	Duffield Brothers.		2 00
	B & A. R. R.	Buildings 1,100, home lot $\frac{1}{2}$ —100. Total valuation, \$1,200.	16 80
2	Michael Cassady & Son.	1 Horse 100, 2 oxen 130, 5 cows 130, 2 two-year-olds 40, 1 yearling 12, 5 sheep 25, 1 swine 5, total \$442. Buildings 300, home lot 125—900, total \$1,200. Total valuation, \$1,642.	26 96
1	Charles Collis.	1 Horse 50, 4 oxen 200, 9 cows 315, 2 yearlings 30, 3 swine 50, total \$645. Buildings 360, home lot 110—1,280, total \$1,640. Total valuation, \$2,285.	34 06
2	John Collis & Son.	2 Horses 150, 5 cows 150, 4 yearlings 60, 2 swine 28, total \$388. Buildings 400, home lot 125—1,450, total \$1,850. Total valuation, \$2,238.	35 36
1	John Curley.	1 Horse 150, 4 oxen 250, 3 cows 105, 2 two-year-olds 25, 5 yearlings 75, 1 sheep 5, 2 swine 10, total \$620. Buildings 1,250, home lot 140—1,500, Mountain lot 45—700, Allen lot 1—50, total \$3,500. Total valuation, \$4,120.	59 68
1	Joseph Champeaux.		2 00
1	William M. Cutler.		2 00
1	Lucius A. Cutter.	2 Horses 500, 3 cows 105, 2 carriages 350, total \$955. Buildings 800, home lot 12—500, Nichols lot 52—350, total \$1,650. Total valuation, \$2,605.	38 54
2	Healy Corbin & Son.	2 Horses 140, 9 cows 300, 10 sheep 45, 1 swine 15, 1 carriage 100, total \$600. Buildings 800, home lot 165—1,700, total \$2,500. Total valuation, \$3,100.	47 40
1	Alfred L. Converse.	Money 500, 1 horse 100, total \$600. Buildings 1,600, home lot $\frac{1}{4}$ —150, total \$1,750. Total valuation, \$2,350.	34 90
1	Francis E. Cook.	Buildings 200, home lot 8—100. Total valuation, \$300.	6 20
1	Royal Cleverly.	1 Cow 30, total \$30. Buildings 400, home lot 21—200, total \$600. Total valuation, \$630.	10 82
1	Moses H. Cheever.	1 Horse 75, 2 oxen 150, 6 cows 210, 3 two-year-olds 60, 1 yearling 15, 1 swine 10, total \$520. Buildings 600, home lot 120—1,400, total \$2,000. Total valuation, \$2,520.	37 28
1	John G. Crouch.		2 00
2	William S. Cowdry & Son.	2 Horses 125, 1 cow 35, total \$160. Buildings 200, home lot 70—400, total \$600. Total valuation, \$760.	14 64
1	John Champeaux.		2 00
1	James Curtis.		2 00
1	Patrick Carey.	1 Cow \$35. Total valuation, \$35.	2 56
1	Lucius Coye.	2 Horses 150, 2 oxen 130, 7 cows 231, total \$511. Buildings 800, home lot 125—1,000, total \$1,800. Total valuation, \$2,311.	34 34

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1	William A. Chase.		\$2 00
1	M. L. Chamberlain.	4 Horses 475, carriage 100. Total valuation, \$575.	10 12
	Mrs. M. L. Chamberlain.	Money \$25,000. Total valuation, \$25,000.	350 00
1	George F. Chamberlain.	2 Horses 250, carriage 75, total \$325. Buildings, 2,500, home lot 4—600, orchard 1½—175, total \$3,275. Total valuation, \$3,600.	52 54
1	John Coye.		2 00
2	Abram Charles & Son.	2 Horses 300, 2 oxen 150, 25 cows 775, 3 two-year-olds 60, 3 yearlings 36, 5 swine 35, total \$1,356. Buildings 800, home lot 333—4,400, Charles lot 80—1,000, swamp 10—150, total \$6,350. Total valuation, \$7,706.	111 94
	Peter O. Day.	Buildings 60, home lot 1¼—40. Total valuation, \$100.	1 40
2	G. & J. Dunham.	1 Horse 125, 2 oxen 180, 6 cows 210, 6 two-year-olds 150, 2 yearlings 25, 1 sheep 5, 2 swine 30, carriage 100, total \$825. Buildings 900, home lot 100—1,600, Sherman lot 44—500, total \$3,000. Total valuation, \$3,825.	57 62
	Achsah Drury.	1 Cow \$35. Buildings 700, home lot 7—200, total \$900. Total valuation, \$935.	13 16
1	Bryant Durant.		2 00
1	Andrew Dunsmore.		2 00
1	Edward H. Davenport.	1 Horse 25, 2 cows 60, 3 yearlings 40, 1 swine 5, total \$130. Buildings 250, home lot 45—400, Woodward lot 8—50, Benson lot 30—300, total \$1,000. Total valuation, \$1,130.	17 82
1	John W. Dimock.	1 Horse \$75. Total valuation, \$75.	3 12
1	Rodney Dunham.		2 00
1	Andrew Dumas.		2 00
1	William Daniels.		2 00
1	A. J. Daniels.		2 00
1	John P. Eastman.		2 00
1	Levi W. Emerson.	Buildings 200, home lot 1—50. Total valuation, \$250.	5 50
1	Jonathan Emerson.	1 Horse 100, 2 oxen 150, 7 cows 220, 6 two-year-olds 108, 1 swine 10, total \$588. Buildings 700, home lot 81—950, Bond lot 30—140, Draper lot 15—800, break-neck 16—100, wood 22—556, total \$2,740. Total valuation, \$3,328.	48 62
1	John A. Elliot.	1 Horse 125, 3 cows 100, 1 two-year-old 20, 1 sheep 12, total \$257. Buildings 200, home lot 160—900, total \$1,100. Total valuation, \$1,357.	21 04
	Est. of E. Ferry.	Buildings 850, home lot 288—1,675, Ferry lot 10—100, Hitchcock lot 17—75. Total valuation, \$2,700.	37 80
	Est. of E. Ferry.	House 250, Green place 29—250. Total valuation, \$500.	7 00
1	Lambert Ferry.	1 Horse 75, carriage 75. Total valuation, \$150.	4 10

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1	Theodore Farrell.	1 Horse 75, 2 oxen 150, 4 cows 130, 1 two-year-old 20, 1 yearling 15, 3 swine 20, total \$410. Buildings 600, home lot 130—1,100, total \$1,700. Total valuation, \$2,110.	\$31 54
1	John Farrall.		2 00
1	Lewis Farrall.	Buildings 350, home lot 23—350. Total valuation, \$700.	11 80
1	Rufus Foskit.	1 Cow 35, 4 two-year-olds 80, 1 yearling 12, 1 swine 7, total \$134. Buildings 2,000, home lot 55—855, total \$2,855. Total valuation, \$2,989.	43 86
	Foskit & Holbrook.	Stock in trade 1,000, 5 horses 650. Total valuation, \$1,650.	23 10
1	Charles W. Foskit.	Carriage \$75. Total valuation, \$75.	3 12
1	Ephraim Fenton.	4 Horses 200, 2 oxen 150, total \$350. Buildings 1,600, home lot 168—2,700, Aldrich lot 13—100, total \$4,400. Total valuation, \$4,750.	68 51
1	Benjamin B. Fenton.	1 Horse 25, 2 oxen 150, 2 cows 65, 4 two-year-olds 100, 1 sheep 6, total \$346. Buildings 900, home lot 90—1,200, total \$2,100. Total valuation, \$2,446.	36 30
1	Thomas Fitzgerald.	1 Horse 25, 4 cows 130, 1 yearling 15, 1 sheep 6, total \$176. Buildings 340, home lot 69—660, total \$1,000. Total valuation, \$1,176.	18 52
1	Lester K. Fuller.	1 Cow \$30. Buildings 200, home lot 100—300, Total \$500. Total valuation, \$530.	9 42
1	L. C. Ferry.		2 00
1	William Foskit.	1 Horse 80, 2 oxen 160, 4 cows 132, 2 two-year-olds 55, 2 yearlings 30, 2 sheep 12, carriage 75, total \$544. Buildings 800, home lot 115—1,600, total \$2,400. Total valuation, \$2,944.	43 16
1	Elijah Foskit.	2 Cows \$66. Buildings 250, home lot 18—250, Marsh 25—125, total \$625. Total valuation, \$691.	11 80
1	Justus K. Fay.	1 Horse 50, 3 cows 105, total \$155. Buildings 500, home lot 100—800, total \$1,300. Total valuation, \$1,455.	22 24
	Stillman M. Fay.	Buildings and land \$400. Total valuation, \$400.	5 60
	Betsy Ferry.	1 Horse 50, 4 oxen 225, 3 cows 100, 2 two-year-olds 40, 4 yearlings 48, 1 sheep 6, 1 swine 8, total \$477. Buildings 600, home lot 126—1,750, total \$2,350. Total valuation, \$2,827.	39 62
2	Ferry & Dix.	2 Horses 200, 2 oxen 180, 8 cows 264, 4 two-year-olds 108, carriage 75, total \$827. Buildings 1,200, home lot 127—1,650, Gleason lot 12—200, total \$3,050. Total valuation, \$3,877.	58 32
1	Lucius C. Fenton.	3 Horses 300, 2 oxen 160, 4 cows 125, 1 bull 30, total \$615. Buildings 1,000, home lot 200—1,800, Gasset lot 50, total \$2,850. Total valuation, \$3,465.	50 58
1	Lyman P. Green.	1 Horse 75, 2 cows 70, total \$145. Buildings 300, home lot 40—150, total \$450. Total valuation, \$595.	10 40

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1	William H. Green.	2 Horses 100, 2 cows 55, 3 two-year-olds 65, 5 yearlings 50, 1 swine 8, carriage 75, total \$353. Buildings 350, home lot 75—550, Sessions lot 200, total \$1,100. Total valuation, \$1,453.	\$22 30
1	Solomon S. Gould.	1 Horse \$75. Total valuation, \$75.	3 12
1	Samuel B. Gould.	10 Horses \$700. Buildings 600, home lot 16—500, total \$1,100. Total valuation, \$1,800.	27 20
1	John Gates.	1 Cow 30, 1 swine 5, total \$35. Draper lot 27—200. Total valuation, \$235.	5 36
2	A. W. Griggs & Son.	1 Horse 50, 3 cows 105, total \$155. Buildings 450, home lot 57—750, total \$1,200. Total valuation, \$1,355.	23 04
1	Nathan M. Goodell.	1 Cow \$35. Buildings 1,600, home lot 1—200, total \$1,800. Total valuation, \$1,835.	27 76
1	Alden Goodell.		2 00
	Celestia M. Goodell.	1 Cow \$40. Buildings 400, home lot 22—400, total \$800. Total valuation, \$840.	11 76
1	James L. Groves	1 Horse 30, 2 cows 60, total \$90. Buildings 200, home lot 70—500, total \$700. Total valuation, \$790.	13 06
1	William B. Groves.	1 Horse \$30. Buildings 200, home lot 3—75, total \$275. Total valuation, \$305.	6 34
1	William A. Gilbert.	1 Horse \$50. Shop 50, Webber lot 10—150, total \$200. Total valuation, \$250.	5 50
1	Silas P. Griffin.	2 Oxen 160, 4 cows 120, 3 sheep 15, total \$295. Total valuation, \$295.	6 20
	Mrs. S. P. Griffin.	Ives lot 50—200. Total valuation, \$200.	2 80
1	Horace M. Gardner.	1 Horse 50, 2 oxen 100, 2 cows 70, 2 swine 15, total \$235. Buildings 500, home lot 100—900, Nichols lot 10—200, total \$1,600. Total valuation, \$1,835.	27 76
1	James W. Goss.		2 00
1	Ezra L. Greenleaf.		2 00
1	Richard Gardner.		2 00
1	Jonathan Griffin.		2 00
1	James Hannon.	1 Horse 125, 2 oxen 75, 3 cows 105, 1 two-year-old 20, total \$325. Buildings 440, home lot 59—660, total \$1,100. Total valuation, \$1,425.	22 02
1	Newton S. Hubbard.	2 Horses 125, 2 oxen 180, 20 cows 700, 4 swine 30, total \$1,035. Buildings 1,300, home lot 97—1,975, Hill lot 17—275, Dix lot 50—900, total \$4,450. Total valuation, \$5,485.	78 86
1	John Hubbard.		2 00
1	George M. Hitchcock.	Stock in trade 2,600, 2 horses 300, 1 cow 35, total \$2,935. Buildings 1,350, home lot 32—1,050, total \$2,400. Total valuation, \$5,335.	76 76
1	William K. Howard.	1 Horse 100, 3 cows 75, 1 two-year-old 20, total \$195. Buildings 400, home lot 57—650, total \$1,050. Total valuation, \$1,245.	19 50

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1	Alexander Harwood.	2 Cows 60, 2 two-year-olds 40, 1 yearling 12, 25 sheep 100, total \$212. Buildings 400, home lot 132—400, Phelps lot 30—125, total \$925. Total valuation, \$1,137.	\$17 96
1	Daniel Howard.	1 Cow 35, 1 yearling 15, total \$50. Buildings 150, home lot 2—100, total \$250. Total valuation, \$300.	6 20
1	Marcus Hitchcock.	1 Horse 75, 4 cows 130, 1 swine 7, total \$212. Buildings 800, home lot 76—1,000, total \$1,800. Total valuation, \$2,012.	30 14
1	Edward W. Hitchcock.	1 Horse 50, 4 cows 120, 2 swine 14, total \$184. Buildings 550, home lot 30—600, total \$1,150. Total valuation, \$1,334.	20 62
1	William E. Hitchcock.	1 Horse 40, 2 oxen 120, 10 cows 300, 3 two-year-olds 60, 4 yearlings 48, total \$568. Buildings 450, home lot 120—1,750, total \$2,200. Total valuation, \$2,768.	40 78
	William E. Hitchcock.	Buildings 550, Andrews place 140—1,050, Total valuation, \$1,600.	22 40
1	Harvey D. Hall.	2 Oxen 175, 7 cows 224, 2 yearlings 30, 2 swine 11, total \$440. Buildings 400, home lot 150—1,600, total \$2,000. Total valuation, \$2,440.	36 16
1	Joseph C. Hunter.	1 Horse 60, 1 cow 40, total \$100. Buildings 350, home lot 4—200, Russell lot 37—225, total \$775. Total valuation, \$875.	14 32
	Mrs. S. C. Herring.	Buildings 2,900, home lot 7—1,050, Barrows place 2—200, Barrows 2—150, Wood lot 5—100. Total valuation, \$4,400.	61 60
1	Michael Hines.	1 Horse 100, 2 oxen 110, 3 cows 100, 3 yearlings 36, 22 sheep 80, 1 swine 12, total \$428. Buildings 100, home lot 115—900, total \$1,000. Total valuation, \$1,428.	22 02
	Estate S. A. Hitchcock.	South lot 3—\$250. Total valuation, \$250.	3 50
	Mrs. R. B. Homer.	Money 2,900, house 1,300, home lot $\frac{1}{3}$ —100, total \$1,400. Total valuation, \$4,300.	60 20
1	James Harvey.	Buildings 300, home lot $1\frac{1}{2}$ —100. Total valuation, \$400.	7 60
1	Ansel Holbrook.	1 Horse 50, 2 oxen 150, 17 cows 590, 4 two-year-olds 90, 1 yearling 15, 6 swine 40, total \$935. Buildings 550, home lot 90—1,250, Homer lot 45—450, Dunbar lot 35—600, total \$2,850. Total valuation, \$2,785.	55 06
1	Abiram Holbrook.		2 90
1	Jonathan Haynes.		2 00
1	Daniel Haynes.	1 Cow \$30. Buildings 150, home lot 1—100, Wood lot 4—75, total \$325. Total valuation, \$355.	7 04
1	Solomon Homer.	Money \$400. Buildings 600, home lot $\frac{1}{3}$ —100, Bliss lot 17—175, total \$875. Total valuation, \$1,275.	19 92
1	Chandler Healy.		2 00
1	Luther B. Healy.		2 00
1	William D. Herring.		2 00

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1	George F. Holdridge.	1 Horse 80, 2 oxen 90, 1 cow 35, total \$205. Buildings 300, home lot 123—1,500, total \$1,800. Total valuation, \$2,005.	\$30 14
1	Walter Haynes.	1 Horse 25, 2 cows 60, total \$85. Buildings 500, home lot 24—400, total \$900. Total valuation, \$985.	15 86
1	John Hopkins.	1 Cow \$30. Total valuation, \$30.	2 42
1	John Himes.		2 00
	Mrs. J. Himes.	House 300, home lot $\frac{1}{4}$ —25. Total valuation, \$325.	4 62
2	Harvey Janes & Son.	1 Horse 125, 6 oxen 425, 5 cows 165, 3 yearlings 36, 2 sheep 12, 1 swine 14, carriage 75, total \$852. Buildings 950, home lot 60—950, Weld lot 5—175, total \$2,075. Total valuation, \$2,927.	45 02
1	David W. Janes.	1 Horse 75, 4 oxen 300, 5 cows 160, 2 swine 25, total \$560. Buildings 900, home lot 53—980, Shumway lot 12—150, Bond lot 16—120, Bruce 7—50, total \$2,200. Total valuation, \$2,760.	40 64
1	Patrick Johnson.	2 Horses 160, 2 oxen 110, 5 cows 125, 1 two-year-old 18, 5 sheep 25, total \$438. Buildings 350, home lot 110—550, total \$900. Total valuation, \$1,338.	20 76
1	William S. Janes.	1 Horse 100, 2 oxen 180, 6 cows 210, total \$490. Buildings 1,000, home lot 1—200, Farm 55—1,550, Herring lot 17—150, Parker lot 7—100, Hollow lot 7—100, total \$3,100. Total valuation, \$3,590.	52 26
1	Edwin A. Janes.	1 Horse 50, 2 oxen 140, 4 cows 130, 1 two-year-old 20, 3 yearlings 36, 1 sheep 6, total \$382. Buildings 450, home lot 87—1,000, Falls meadow 2—50, total \$1,500. Total valuation, \$1,882.	28 32
1	Lawson Kinney.	Cash 1,000, 1 horse 75, 2 oxen 105, 3 cows 85, total \$1,265. Buildings 700, home lot 55—400, total \$1,100. Total valuation, \$2,365.	35 18
1	Patrick Kelly.		2 00
	Mrs. T. B. Knight.	Buildings 1,500, home lot 1—300. Total valuation, \$1,800.	25 20
1	Samuel Livermore.	Money \$200. Total valuation, \$200.	4 80
1	John F. Loud.		2 00
1	Alfred Lombard.	1 Horse 75, 2 oxen 160, 3 cows 80, 1 two-year-old 25, 3 yearlings 40, 2 swine 14, total \$394. Buildings 800, home lot 119—1,100, total \$1,900. Total valuation, \$2,294.	34 06
1	Emery Livermore.	Buildings 900, home lot 4—600, Herring lot 8—125, total \$1,625. Total valuation, \$1,625.	24 82
	Emery Livermore, for John Bond.	Money \$400. Total valuation, \$400.	5 60
1	Harvey Lombard.	1 Horse 25, 2 oxen 150, 4 cows 140, 1 yearling 12, total \$327. Buildings 900, home lot 166—1,400, total \$2,300. Total valuation, \$2,627.	38 82
1	Roswell Lombard.	1 Cow \$40. Total valuation, \$40.	2 56

POLLS.	NAMES.	DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY.	TOTAL TAX.
1	Edward Lee.	1 Horse 70, 3 cows 90, 2 two-year olds 40, total \$200. Buildings 300, home lot 25—500, total \$800. Total valuation, \$1,000.	\$16 00
1	William Lombard.	1 Horse 140, 2 oxen 140, 5 cows 150, 4 two-year-olds 80, 3 yearlings 36, 1 sheep 10, total \$556. Buildings 900, home lot 165—1,600, total \$2,500. Total valuation, \$3,056.	44 84
1	John F. Lombard.	3 Horses 225, 1 cow 40, total \$265. Buildings 500, home lot 17—400, Weld lot 275, total \$1,175. Total valuation, \$1,440.	22 30
1	Frank D. Lincoln.	3 Horses 200, 5 cows 175, total \$375. Buildings 1,000, home lot 180—2,800, total \$3,800. Total valuation, \$4,175.	60 52
1	Frank Lock.	1 Horse \$25. Chamberlain 50—100, Orchard 4—200, total \$300. Total valuation, \$325.	6 62
1	Washington Lamb.	1 Cow \$30. Total valuation, \$30.	2 42
1	Nelson Lombard.		2 00
1	Tim Lines.		2 00
1	A. J. Lamb.	1 Horse \$50. Total valuation, \$50.	2 70
1	Antony McLynn.	1 Horse 100, 2 oxen 110, 3 cows 90, 2 sheep 12, carriage 75, total \$387. Buildings 400, home lot 123—500, total \$900. Total valuation, \$1,287.	20 06
1	John W. Morgan.	1 Horse 125, 1 cow 40, total \$165. Buildings 900, home lot 12—500, total \$1,400. Total valuation, \$1,565.	23 98
1	E. C. Marsh.	1 Horse 120, 2 oxen 175, 7 cows 245, 2 two-year-olds 60, 5 yearlings 125, carriage 100, total \$825. Buildings 1,000, home lot 154—1,760. Total \$2,760. Total valuation, \$3,585.	52 40
2	Tom J. Morgan.	Stock in trade 500, 2 horses 225, 6 oxen 400, 6 cows 180, 2 swine 28, total \$1,333. Buildings 2,000, home lot 100—1,200, total \$3,200. Total valuation, \$4,533.	67 42
1	David A. Moulton.	1 Horse 25, 2 bulls 80, 4 cows 120, 2 two-year-olds 30, total \$255. Buildings 400, home lot 110—600, total \$1,000. Total valuation, \$1,255.	19 64
2	P. McIntire & Son.	1 Horse 50, 2 oxen 160, 7 cows 210, 3 yearlings 36, 2 sheep 12, 3 swine 25, total \$493. Buildings 450, home lot 150—1,550, total \$2,000. Total valuation, \$2,493.	38 86
1	Needham Moulton.	Buildings 100, home lot 3—100. Total valuation, \$200.	4 80
1	Amos Munroe.	4 Horses 325, 2 cows 70, 2 pigs 14, carriage 75, total \$484. Buildings 4,800, home lot 1—250, Wheeler lot 7—150, total \$5,200. Total valuation, \$5,684.	81 52
	Palmermon Moon.	1 Cow \$30. Buildings 300, home lot 3—200, total \$500. Total valuation, \$530.	7 42
1	Frank Moon.		2 00
1	Rice D. Morgan.		2 00
1	Daniel Miskill.		2 00

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1	Miles C. Morey.		\$2 00
2	G. & J. Noyes.	1 Horse 50, 2 oxen 125, 7 cows 245, 1 two-year-old 20, 1 yearling 12, 2 swine 15, total \$467. Buildings 700, home lot 160—2,200, total \$2,900. Total valuation, \$3,367.	51 18
	Gilman Noyes.	Morgan lot 18—100. Total valuation, \$100.	1 40
	James Noyes.	Gardner lot 25—100. Total valuation, \$100.	1 40
1	C. McKinstry.		2 00
1	Frank McGuire.		2 00
1	George A. Milday.		2 00
1	Abram Miner.		2 00
1	Lynman P. Needham.		2 00
1	E. W. Norwood.	Money \$200. Total valuation, \$200.	4 80
1	Darius Needham.	Buildings 150, home lot 20—150. Total valuation, \$300.	6 20
1	Abner Nutting.	1 Horse 50, 2 oxen 150, 2 cows 70, 1 yearling 15, 2 sheep 10, total \$295. Buildings 150, home lot 180—2,100, total \$2,250. Total valuation, \$2,545.	37 70
	Estate A. Newell.	1 Cow \$35. Buildings 600, home lot 19—350, Lombard lot 22—300, total \$1,250. Total valuation, \$1,285.	18 06
1	Cheney Newton.	1 Horse 50, 2 cows 75, 2 two-year-olds 50, 2 yearlings 50, total \$225. Buildings 600, home lot 22—700, Lombard 9—100, Barrows lot 14—140, Breakneck 6—60, total \$1,600. Total valuation, \$1,825.	27 62
1	Davis B. Nelson.	2 Cows \$70. Total valuation, \$70.	2 98
1	John S. Needham.	Money 500, 2 horses 200, 2 cows 70, 1 sheep 6, total \$776. Buildings 400, home lot 76—1,000, total \$1,400. Total valuation, \$2,176.	32 50
1	Frank R. Newton.		2 00
	Lucy Pyncheon.	1 Cow \$35. Buildings 800, home lot 3—300, total \$1,100. Total valuation, \$1,135.	15 96
1	E. W. Potter.	1 Cow \$40. Buildings 800, home lot 2—400, total \$1,200. Total valuation, \$1,240.	19 36
2	Sumner Parker & Son.	3 Horses 250, 2 oxen 180, 40 cows 1,300, 1 two-year-old 20, 6 swine 70, carriage 75, total \$1,895. Buildings 1,200, home lot 100—2,100, Griggs lot 12—150, Hill lot 10—225, wood lot 8—75, total \$3,750. Total valuation, \$5,645.	83 10
	Sumner Parker & Son.	Buildings 700, Homer place 264—4,250. Total valuation, \$4,950.	69 30
1	Orville S. Parker.		2 00
	Mrs. C. B. Paige.	Buildings 125, Wood lot 25. Total valuation, \$150.	2 10
1	P. W. Paige.	1 Cow \$35. Total valuation, \$35.	2 56
1	Nehemiah Parker.		2 00
1	H. L. Parker.	1 Horse 125, 2 oxen 110, 2 cows 66, 1 two-year-old 20, 1 yearling 12, 1 swine 12, total \$345. Buildings 500, home lot 134—650, total \$1,150. Total valuation, \$1,495.	23 00
1	Anson Parker.		2 00.

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1	Albert S. Prouty.	6 Horses 600, 13 cows 400, 2 two-year-olds 50, total \$1,050. Buildings 700, home lot 90—900, total \$1,600. Total valuation, \$2,650.	\$39 10
2	David Parker & Son.	2 Horses 150, 7 cows 245, 1 two-year-old 25, 1 sheep 6, 1 swine 12, total \$438. Buildings 700, home lot 120—1,000, Green lot 25—250, Groves lot 3—100, total \$2,050. Total valuation, \$2,488.	38 86
1	Webster K. Pierce.		2 00
1	Penuel A. Parker.	1 Horse 125, 8 cows 280, 1 yearling 12, total \$417. Buildings 1,600, home 32—1,250, Morgan lot 40—400, Wood lot 7—75, swamp 5—50, Charles 8—75, Hitchcock 12—200, total \$3,650. Total valuation, \$4,067.	58 98
1	Porter A. Parker.	1 Horse 125, 4 oxen 240, 2 cows 50, 4 two-year-olds 80, total \$495. Buildings 700, home lot 72—1,000, Cooley lot 18—175, Wood lot 9—75, Russell 25—250, total \$2,200. Total valuation, \$2,695.	39 80
1	Silas Parker.		2 00
1	Hiram C. Powers.	Money \$5,500. Total valuation, \$5,500.	79 00
1	S. N. Powers.	1 Horse 75, 2 oxen 150, 10 cows 350, 10 two-year-olds 200, 5 yearlings 60, 6 swine 45, total \$880. Buildings 1,200, home lot 100—1,800, Rooney lot 40—500, total \$3,500. Total valuation, \$4,380.	63 32
	Estate A. E. Pierce.	Buildings 500, home lot 3—250. Total valuation, \$750.	10 50
	Parker & Green.	Shaw place 114—700. Total valuation, \$700.	9 80
1	William H. Perry.		2 00
1	Martin S. Phillips.	1 Horse 50, 1 cow 35, total \$85. Buildings 400, home lot 45—500, total \$900. Total valuation, \$985.	15 86
1	Joseph Parker.		2 00
1	Henry Ryder.		2 00
1	Henry A. Ryder.		2 00
1	Nathan F. Robinson.	Buildings \$2,325, land 4—300. Total valuation, \$2,625.	38 82
	Mrs. H. Russell.	Buildings 300, home lot 2—200, hill 14—75. Total valuation, \$575.	8 12
1	William H. Rice.	Stock in trade 500, 1 horse 75. Total valuation, \$575.	10 12
1	Willard Richards.		2 00
1	Philip Redding.		2 00
	Mrs. P. Redding.	Buildings 300, home lot 2—100. Total valuation, 8400.	5 60
	Estate J. Ratagan.	1 Horse 25, 5 cows 150, 1 yearling 12, 1 swine 8, total \$195. Buildings 300, home lot 45—350, Pepper lot 6—50, total \$700. Total valuation, \$895.	12 60
1	Michael Rooney.	1 Cow \$35. Total valuation, \$35.	2 56
1	Edward W. Sherman.		2 00
1	William J. Sherman.		2 00

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1	William H. Sherman.	1 Horse 25, 2 oxen 165, 2 cows 70, 1 two-year-old 25, 27 sheep 135, total \$420. Buildings 800, home lot 100—1,400, Chamberlain 80—500, Hardscrabble 20—100, Roper 8—20, Keyes 2—40, total \$2,860. Total valuation, \$3,280.	\$47 92
	Congregational Society.	Buildings 1,800, home lot 1—200. Total valuation, \$2,000.	28 00
1	Chester Scarborough.	1 Horse 25, 3 cows 105, 1 two-year-old 20, 1 sheep 6, total \$156. Buildings 300, home lot 65—400, total \$700. Total valuation, \$856.	14 04
1	John C. Spring.	1 Horse 75, 2 oxen 160, 10 cows 330, 5 two-year-olds 160, 23 sheep 115, 1 swine 14, total \$854. Buildings 1,000, home lot 145—2,000, Upham lot 63—1,000, total \$4,000. Total valuation, \$4,854.	69 90
1	Lewis W. Stebbins.	1 Horse 100, 2 cows 70, 1 two-year-old 20, total \$190. Buildings 400, home lot 104—1,000, total \$1,400. Total valuation, \$1,590.	24 26
1	John Sherman.	3 Horses 225, 2 oxen 150, 2 cows 60, 1 two-year-old 25, 1 yearling 15, 13 sheep 65, total \$540. Buildings 300, home lot 34—650, Mountain lot 8—125, Pine lot 6—125, total \$1,200. Total valuation, \$1,740.	26 36
1	Henry Stewart.		2 00
1	Abner Shaw.	1 Horse 50, 2 cows 60, total \$110. Buildings 100, home lot $\frac{1}{2}$ —50, total \$150. Total valuation, \$260.	5 64
2	P. F. Spaulding & Son.	Stock in trade 800, 2 horses 150, 1 cow 40, 1 two-year-old 30, 8 swine 60, total \$1,080. Buildings 1,850, home lot 12—800, Wood lot 18—300, total \$2,950. Total valuation, \$4,030.	60 42
1	Josiah Stebbins.	2 Horses 175, 2 oxen 180, 6 cows 200, 2 two-year-olds 40, 2 yearlings 30, 13 sheep 60, 2 swine 16, total \$701. Buildings 1,000, home lot 190—2,000, total \$3,000. Total valuation, \$3,701.	53 80
1	Abner Stebbins.	1 Horse \$50. Total valuation, \$50.	2 70
1	George Stetson.	Buildings 425, home lot 11—425. Total valuation, \$850.	13 90
1	Cheney Solander.	1 Cow \$30. Buildings 1,050, home lot 3—450, total \$1,500. Total valuation, \$1,530.	23 42
1	Alfred Shaw.	1 Horse 60, 2 oxen 60, 2 cows 60, total \$180. Buildings 250, home 40—250, total \$500. Total valuation, \$680.	11 52
1	H. King Shaw.		2 00
1	John Shaw.	1 Horse 75, 7 cows 280, 1 yearling 15, 2 sheep 12, 1 swine 8, total \$390. Buildings 500, home lot 60—625, Keyes lot 25—150, Lombard 16—150, total \$1,425. Total valuation, \$1,815.	27 48
1	Braman E. Sibley.		2 00
1	George Sherman.		2 00

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2	D. Shaw & Son.	Stock in trade 500, 2 horses 200, 2 oxen 150, 5 cows 165, 2 two-year-olds 40, total \$1,055. Buildings 700, home lot 60—800, Corbin lot 35—200, Charles & Hunter, 17—60, Hunter lot 9—100, Wood lot 5—40, total \$1,900. Total valuation, \$2,955.	\$45 44
	Mrs. H. Smith.	Buildings 300, home lot 1—100. Total valuation, \$400.	5 60
	Mrs. C. Stetson.	House 375, lot $\frac{1}{4}$ —25. Total valuation, \$400.	5 60
1	Braman Sibley.	1 Horse 50, 1 cow 35, 1 two-year-old 25, total \$110. Buildings 500, home lot 13—500, total \$1,000. Total valuation, \$1,110.	17 54
1	Alvin G. Squires.	Stock in trade 200, 1 horse 50, total \$250. Buildings 600, home lot $1\frac{1}{2}$ —200, total \$800. Total valuation, \$1,050.	16 70
	John R. Smith.	Buildings 250, home lot 50—350. Total valuation, \$600.	8 40
1	Virgil V. Sherman.	Buildings 100, home lot $\frac{1}{2}$ —25. Total valuation, \$125.	3 82
	E. T. Sherman.	4 Horses 300, 2 oxen 160, 16 cows 512, 2 two-year-olds 45, 2 yearlings 24, 1 swine 14, 2 carriages 200, total \$1,255. Buildings 7,200, home lot 220—3,430, Swamp 9—50, Herring lot 11—700, Stonage meadow 4—20, Stonage Wood lot 20—350, East Wood lot 12—100, total \$11,850. Total valuation, \$13,105.	183 54
1	Abram Stone.	1 Horse 75, cow 30. Total valuation, \$105.	3 54
1	William G. Stone.		2 00
1	Joseph St. John.	1 Horse \$40. Total valuation, \$40.	2 55
1	Nelson St. John.		2 00
1	Lewis St. John.		2 00
1	Edward St. John.		2 00
1	Michael Shandley.	1 Horse 100, 2 oxen 175, 18 cows 525, 1 sheep 5, 1 swine 14. Total valuation, \$819.	13 48
1	John St. George.		2 00
1	Charles H. Stone.		2 00
1	Warren F. Tarbell.	1 Horse 80, 4 cows 140, total \$220. Buildings 800, home lot 12—600, Herring lot 76—760, Wood lot 15—100, total \$2,260. Total valuation, \$2,480.	36 72
1	Charles S. Tarbell.		2 00
1	Elijah E. Tarbell.	1 Horse 50, 2 cows 70, total \$120. Buildings 700, home lot 18—300, Beckey lot 30—100, total \$1,100. Total valuation, \$1,220.	19 08
1	Michael Traverse.	Money 200, 1 horse 40, 8 cows 220, 1 two-year-old 20, 2 yearlings 28, total \$508. Buildings 275, home lot 83—475, Bond lot 10—30, Gleason 6—50, Upham lot 13—100, total \$930. Total valuation, \$1,438.	22 16
1	Ben H. Thompson.	Buildings 300, home lot 00—325. Total valuation, \$625.	10 82

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1	Freeman Tourtellotte.		\$2 00
1	Albert D. Thomas.	1 Horse 40, 2 oxen 130, 3 cows 100, 1 two-year-old 20, 1 yearling 12, 1 swine 15, total \$317. Buildings 400, home lot 262—1,600, total \$2,000. Total valuation, \$2,317.	34 48
1	George H. Upham.	Shop 100, lot 50. Total valuation, \$150.	4 10
1	Charles Varney.	Machinery 1,200, stock in trade 700, 5 horses 350, carriages 200, total \$2,450. Buildings 5,000, home lot 6—500, Tyler lot 70—350, total \$5,850. Total valuation, \$8,300.	118 20
	Charles Varney.	Draper property. Buildings 4,000, home lot 6—300. Total valuation, \$4,300.	60 20
1	William Vallette.	1 Horse 90, 7 cows 245, 2 two-year-olds 40, total \$275. Buildings 450, home lot 129—1,200, total \$1,650. Total valuation, \$1,925.	29 02
2	Austin Woodard.	1 Horse 25, 2 oxen 90, 4 cows 120, 1 two-year-old 20, 1 yearling 12, total \$267. Buildings 400, home lot 50—450, Allen 33—150, total \$1,000. Total valuation, \$1,267.	21 78
	Mrs. L. Webber.	Buildings 200, home lot 26—325. Total valuation, \$525.	7 42
1	Joseph L. Woods.	1 Horse 125, 2 cows 55, 1 two-year-old 30, total \$210. Buildings 350, home lot 38—550, total \$900. Total valuation, \$1,110.	17 54
1	John Wyles.	Money \$10,000. Buildings 4,750, home lot 15—2,250, total \$7,000. Total valuation, \$17,000.	240 00
1	William H. Wyles.	3 Horses 600, 1 cow 50, 3 carriages 400, total \$1,050. Buildings 525, land 2 $\frac{1}{8}$ —225, total \$750. Total valuation, \$1,800.	27 20
1	James J. Warren.	1 Horse 75, carriages 200, total \$275. Buildings 1,600, home lot 13—1,950, total \$3,550. Total valuation, \$3,825.	55 62
1	Ezra B. Weld.	2 Horses 175, 4 oxen 350, 4 cows 135, 1 two-year-old 20, 19 sheep 80, total \$760. Buildings 700, home lot 96—1,200, total \$1,900. Total valuation, \$2,660.	39 24
1	Augustus Wheeler.	Buildings 750, home lot 42—700. Total valuation, \$1,450.	22 30
2	Jonathan P. Webber.	Money 1,000, 1 horse 125, 1 cow 35. Total valuation, \$1,160.	20 24
1	George P. Wight.	Buildings 600, home lot 50—700. Total valuation, \$1,300.	20 20
1	Willard E. Wetherell.		2 00
1	Emerson Wetherell.		2 00
1	James C. Walker.	Buildings 50, home lot $\frac{1}{2}$ —50. Total valuation, \$100.	3 40
1	Simon B. Ward.	Buildings 1,200, home lot 3—300. Total valuation, \$1,500.	23 00
1	Preston F. Wight.	5 Cows \$175. Buildings 150, home lot 50—550, total \$700. Total valuation, \$875.	14 32
1	Alpheus Walling.		2 00

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1	Edwin B. Webber.	2 horses 150, 5 cows 175, 7 two-year-olds 120, 1 sheep 5, 2 swine 18, total \$468. Buildings 1,100, home lot 200—2,000, total \$3,100. Total valuation, \$3,568.	\$51 98
1	Lyman Webster.	Buildings 600, home lot 1—200. Total valuation, \$800.	13 20
1	Frank E. Webster.		2 00
1	George A. Webster.		2 00
1	John M. Walker.	1 Horse 75, 1 cow 35. Total valuation, \$110.	3 54
1	Henry A. Webber.	1 Horse 50. Buildings 1,000, home lot 4—200, total \$1,200. Total valuation, \$1,250.	19 50
	Estate S. P. Wales.	Buildings 2,000, home lot 1—300. Total valuation, \$2,300.	32 20
1	Morris Welsh.		2 00
1	Charles A. Woodbury.		2 00
1	Ruel A. Williams.	1 Horse 50, 2 cows 60, 2 swine 12, total \$122. Buildings 500, home lot 150—1,400, total \$1,900. Total valuation, \$2,022.	30 28
1	Reuben S. Walls.		2 00
1	James H. Wood.		2 00
1	Moses J. Wilder.	1 horse 50, 1 cow 35, total \$85. Buildings 400, home lot 17—600, total \$1,000. Total valuation, \$1,085.	17 26

NON-RESIDENTS.

NAMES.	DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY.	TOTAL TAX.
John Aldrich, <i>Monson</i> ,	wood lot 7—\$50. Total valuation, \$50.	\$0 70
William Sutcliff, <i>Monson</i> ,	tillage and pasture 103—\$700. Total valuation, \$700.	9 80
Charles Carpenter, <i>Monson</i> ,	pasture 28—\$500. Total valuation, \$500.	7 00
D. G. Green, <i>Monson</i> ,	Lombard lot 12—150, Fay place 130—650, Noyes lot 4—40, Foster lot 14—140, Converse lot 60—720. Total valuation, \$1,700.	23 80
A. J. Northrop, <i>Monson</i> ,	Alum pond lot 30—\$1,000. Total valuation, \$1,000.	14 00
William Fenton, <i>Monson</i> ,	pasture and tillage 10—\$200. Total valuation, \$200.	2 80
R. Buffington, <i>Monson</i> ,	wood lot 10—\$150. Total valuation, \$150.	2 10
Isaac King, <i>Palmer</i> ,	pasture and tillage 146—\$1,800. Total valuation, \$1,800.	25 20
E. Ashworth, <i>Palmer</i> ,	pasture and tillage 40—700. Total valuation, \$700.	9 80
A. V. Blanchard & Co., <i>Palmer</i> ,	wood lot 170—1,800. Total valuation, \$1,800.	25 29

NAMES.	DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY.	TOTAL TAX.
Jonas Blodgett, <i>Palmer</i> , pasture 40—600. Total valuation, \$600.		\$8 40
William R. Parks, <i>Palmer</i> , buildings 1,500, lot 50—500. Total valuation, \$2,000.		28 00
J. Fenton & Son, <i>Palmer</i> , pasture and wood 110—1,500. Total valuation, \$1,500.		21 00
John Converse, <i>Palmer</i> , 4 horses 300, 2 oxen 140, 8 cows 240, 68 sheep 270. Total valuation, \$950.		13 30
Estate E. Converse, <i>Palmer</i> , buildings 1,000, home lot 340—3,500. Total valuation, \$4,500.		63 00
John Morgan, <i>Palmer</i> , wood lot 14—100. Total valuation, \$100.		1 40
A. W. Crossman & Son, <i>Warren</i> , 2 horses 100, 4 oxen 300, total \$400. Old store 100, lot $\frac{1}{4}$ —50, Blodgett place, buildings 200, lot 100—1,000, Ware's place, buildings 250, lot $\frac{1}{2}$ —50, Thayer property 6—300, Calvin Blodgett place, buildings 400, lot 4—500, Gould place, building 75, lot $\frac{1}{2}$ —25, Powers place, buildings 1,000, lot 93—2,500, Frost place 107—900, Homer place, buildings 800, land 40—600, sawmill and brickyard 3,500, total \$12,250. Total valuation, \$12,650.		177 10
Daniel Haley, <i>Warren</i> , buildings 1,000, home lot 163—2,800. Total valuation, \$3,800.		53 20
J. Makepeace, <i>Warren</i> , barns 200, land 98—1,000. Total valuation, \$1,200.		16 80
Charles Bemis, <i>Warren</i> , pasture 23—500. Total valuation, \$500.		7 00
Amos Bliss, <i>Warren</i> , mowing and tillage, 20—400. Total valuation, \$400.		5 60
Dwight Ellis, <i>Warren</i> , mowing and tillage 17—375. Total valuation, \$375.		5 32
Charles Gleason, <i>Warren</i> , mowing and tillage 35—550. Total valuation, \$550.		7 70
G. H. Cochran, <i>Warren</i> , mowing and tillage 80—1,250. Total valuation, \$1,250.		17 50
E. Sherman, <i>Warren</i> , mowing and tillage 26—500. Total valuation, \$500.		7 00
S. N. Gleason, <i>Warren</i> , meadow 15—100. Total valuation, \$100.		1 40
John Tyler, <i>Warren</i> , wood and meadow 27—675. Total valuation, \$675.		9 52
J. Walker, <i>Warren</i> , wood lot 20—400. Total valuation, \$400.		5 60
Pardon Allen, <i>Warren</i> , buildings 200, lot 2—200. Total valuation, \$400.		5 60
Joseph Highland, <i>Sturbridge</i> , sprout land 19—175. Total valuation, \$175.		2 52
S. M. Streeter, <i>Sturbridge</i> , pasture 13—150. Total valuation, \$150.		2 10
Patrick King, <i>Sturbridge</i> , wood and tillage 75—1,000. Total valuation, \$1,000.		14 00
John W. Draper, <i>Sturbridge</i> , swamp 37—185. Total valuation, \$185.		2 66
Austin Allen, <i>Sturbridge</i> , wood, tillage and pasture 75—900. Total valuation, \$900.		12 60

NAMES.	DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY.	TOTAL TAX.
J. Cunningham,	<i>Sturbridge</i> , 1 horse 100, 4 cows 140, 3 yearlings 40, total \$280. Barn 50, land 60—650, total \$700. Total valuation, \$980.	\$13 72
N. Underwood,	<i>Sturbridge</i> , pasture and tillage 106—1,000. Total val- uation, \$1,000.	14 00
S. F. Marsh,	<i>Sturbridge</i> , pasture 28—600. Total valuation, \$600.	8 40
Truman Charles,	<i>Sturbridge</i> , wood, pasture and meadow 70—600. Total valuation, \$600.	8 40
Freland Bemis,	<i>Sturbridge</i> , land 36—275. Total valuation, \$275.	3 92
S. F. Bemis,	<i>Sturbridge</i> , Bond lot 20—100. Total valuation, \$100.	1 40
C. E. Lombard,	<i>Southbridge</i> , wood lot 12—350. Total valuation, \$350.	4 90
J. W. Lawrence,	<i>Shrewsbury</i> , 25 cows 625, barn 400, home lot 162— 2,000, Lyman lot 14—350, total \$2,750. Total valuation, \$3,375.	47 32
J. McLaughlin,	<i>North Brookfield</i> , sprout 10—100. Total valuation, \$100.	1 40
Alfred Rice,	<i>Brookfield</i> , wood lot 12—150. Total valuation, \$150.	2 10
L. Upham,	<i>Brookfield</i> , pasture 85—550. Total valuation, \$550.	7 70
William Webber,	<i>Holland</i> , meadow 8—175. Total valuation, \$175.	2 52
G. L. Webber,	<i>Holland</i> , meadow 8—175. Total valuation, \$175.	2 52
William A. Lynn,	<i>Holland</i> , swamps 6—100. Total valuation, \$100.	1 40
Estate E. G. Fuller,	<i>Holland</i> , sprout land 12—125. Total valuation, \$125.	1 82
William Wallace,	<i>Holland</i> , sprout land 10—100. Total valuation, \$100.	1 40
H. Wallis & Son,	<i>Holland</i> , tillage and sprout land 59—600. Total valuation, \$600.	8 40
William A. Robbins,	<i>Holland</i> , tillage and swamps 15—125. Total valuation, \$125.	1 82
Jas. A. Webber,	<i>Holland</i> , meadow 12—250. Total valuation, \$250.	3 50
Daniel Shaw,	<i>Wales</i> , buildings 200, land 23—400, wood 5—40. Total valuation, \$640.	8 96
Frank Gardner,	<i>Wales</i> , pasture 34—375. Total valuation, \$375.	5 32
Eli Gardner,	<i>Wales</i> , wood and pasture 50—450. Total valuation, \$450.	6 39
Friend Smith,	<i>Wales</i> , meadow 15—270. Total valuation, \$270.	3 78
W. A. Thompson,	<i>Wales</i> , meadow 3—30. Total valuation, \$30.	42
William K. Dimock,	<i>Wales</i> , barn 25, land 1—50. Total valuation, \$75.	1 12
Royal Nelson,	<i>Wales</i> , buildings 350, land 30—500. Total valuation, \$850.	11 90
H. W. Company,	<i>Southbridge</i> , flowage 200. Total valuation, \$200.	2 80
M. E. Shattuck,	<i>Worcester</i> , 1 horse 75, 2 oxen 125, 16 cows 560, 6 swine 30, total \$790. Buildings 1,100, home lot 137—1,900, total \$3,000. Total valuation, \$3,790.	53 06
S. Rockwell,	<i>Stafford, Ct.</i> , wood 14—1,000. Total valuation, \$1,000.	14 00
Michael Rooney,	<i>Warren</i> , buildings 250, land 110—800. Total val- uation, \$1,050.	14 70
William Hayden & Co.,	<i>Willimantic, Ct.</i> , buildings 1,000, home lot 82—1,400, L. Upham place 58—1,100. Total valuation, \$3,500.	49 00
Burr & Weeks,	<i>Sturbridge</i> , buildings 300, home lot 100—600. Total valuation, \$900.	12 60

TABLE OF AGGREGATES.



For the Town of Brimfield, of Polls, Property, &c., Assessed May 1st, 1875.

Total number of Polls,	315.	Total tax on Polls,	\$630 00
Total value of Personal Estate,			\$132,150 00
Total value of Real Estate,			\$435,050 00
Total tax for State, County, and Town purposes,			\$8,574 20
Rate per cent. of Total Tax,		\$14.00 per \$1,000	00
Total value May 1, 1875,			\$567,200 00
Total number of Dwellings,			258
“ “ “ Horses,			215
“ “ “ Cows,			715
“ “ “ Sheep,			371
“ “ “ Acres,			19,775

DARIUS SHAW,	}	Assessors
SAMUEL W. BROWN,		of
CHENEY NEWTON,		Brimfield.

AUDITOR'S REPORT.

REPORT of the Receipts and Expenditures of the Town of Brimfield,
for the year ending March 15th, 1876.

FOR REPAIR OF HIGHWAYS.

April 5, Paid Wm. H. Shaw, repairs in 1874,	\$2 50	
April 5, Charles Collis, repairs in 1874,	4 20	
April 5, Wm. H. Sherman,	6 80	
April 5, James W. Buxton,	4 00	
April 5, Porter A. Parker,	4 25	
Sept. 6, J. M. Brown,	9 00	
	<hr/>	\$30 75
May 3, Paid A. C. Bennett,	59 50	
June 7, A. C. Bennett,	82 10	
July 5, A. C. Bennett,	22 00	
Sept. 6, A. C. Bennett,	10 60	
Oct. 4, A. C. Bennett,	27 00	
	<hr/>	201 20
May 3, Paid A. S. Prouty,	65 70	
June 7, A. S. Prouty,	30 00	
	<hr/>	95 70
June 7, Paid N. S. Hubbard,	146 00	
Nov. 1, N. S. Hubbard,	17 30	
Dec. 6, N. S. Hubbard,	16 10	
	<hr/>	179 40
June 7, Paid J. C. Spring,	75 40	
July 5, J. C. Spring,	45 70	
Oct. 4, J. C. Spring,	37 60	
1876.		
Mar. 15, J. C. Spring,	2 67	
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Aug. 2, Paid N. S. Powers,	\$66 20	
Dec. 6, N. S. Powers,	11 60	
1876.		
Jan. 3, N. S. Powers,	69 20	
	<hr/>	\$147 00
Sept. 6, Paid Wm. H. Sherman,	105 15	
Dec. 6, Wm. H. Sherman,	28 80	
	<hr/>	133 95
May 3, Paid Josiah Stebbins,	15 20	
July 5, Josiah Stebbins,	180 63	
Sept. 6, Josiah Stebbins,	9 00	
Dec. 6, Josiah Stebbins,	44 32	
Dec. 6, Josiah Stebbins,	31 65	
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		\$1,230 18

FOR SNOW PATHS.

April 1, Paid A. C. Bennett,	\$13 90	
April 5, Wm. H. Shaw,	17 70	
April 5, James Noyes,	2 10	
April 5, Charles Collis,	24 00	
April 5, Daniel Howell,	2 40	
April 5, D. W. Janes,	2 20	
April 5, Wm. H. Sherman,	7 50	
April 5, James N. Buxton,	48 20	
April 5, M. H. Baker,	16 10	
April 5, D. A. Moulton,	5 40	
1876.		
Feb. 7, James B. Brown,	3 60	
	<hr/>	\$143 10

FOR SUPPORT OF BRIDGES.

Sept. 6, Paid F. D. Lincoln for plank,	\$63 00	
Sept. 6, Wm. H. Sherman,	20 88	
Dec. 6, Josiah Stebbins,	3 00	
1876.		
Mar. 6, Town of Palmer,	15 50	
	<hr/>	\$102 38

FOR SUPPORT OF SCHOOLS.

Appropriation by Town,	\$2,000 00
Town proportion of school fund,	248 51
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	\$2,248 51

Expenses including only wages, board, fuel for and care of the fires and school-houses, for the year ending March 16, 1876.

NAMES OF TEACHERS.	No. of School.	Wages, Summer Term.	Wages, Fall Term.	Wages, Winter Term.	Fuel and care of house.	Total.
Mary L. Paige, . . .	1	\$75 65	\$59 50	\$00 00	\$19 62	\$273 77
Augusta A. Noyes, . .	1	00 00	00 00	119 00		
Augusta A. Noyes, . .	2	76 50	00 00	00 00		
Albert Woodard, . . .	2	00 00	81 00	00 00	36 35	295 85
Mary A. Crawford, . .	2	00 00	00 00	102 00		
Caddie Allen,	3	67 50	67 50	00 00		
Ella J. Blodgett, . . .	3	00 00	00 00	96 00	14 75	245 75
Julia Blashfield, . . .	4	67 50	67 50	00 00		
Ursula J. Shaw,	4	00 00	00 00	96 00		
Abbie A. Brown,	5	54 00	54 00	59 50	19 00	207 50
Jennie Bliss,	5	00 00	00 00	21 00		
Ruth R. Curtis,	6	67 50	00 00	00 00		
Sarah E. Kenney, . . .	6	00 00	67 50	96 00	13 50	244 50
	7	No	school			
Anna M. Tarbell, . . .	8	67 50	00 00	00 00	12 50	170 00
Mary F. Woods,	8	00 00	00 00	90 00		
	9	No	school			
Laura M. Spaulding, . .	10	72 00	72 00	00 00	19 00	265 00
Cynthia M. Draper, . .	10	00 00	00 00	102 00		
		\$548 15	\$469 00	\$781 50		\$1,940 37

FOR OTHER EXPENSES OF SCHOOLS.

Paid E. E. Tarbell, conveyance of scholars,	\$9 00
" T. J. Morgan, " " "	9 00
" Michael Shanley, " " "	17 50
" J. T. Brown, for supplies,	13 75—\$1,989 62
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Balance unexpended,	\$258 89

FOR REPAIRS OF SCHOOL-HOUSES.

Paid Justus K. Fay, repairs No. 5,	\$7 50
Charles Varney, repairs No. 2,	2 63
N. F. Robinson, repairs No. 1,	9 59

Paid J. A. Swasey, blackboards No. 1,	\$18 70	
C. Scarborough, repairs No. 2,	1 00	
J. K. Brown, for glass, etc.,	1 20	
H. F. Brown, repairs Nos. 4 and 5,	1 50	
	<hr/>	\$42 12

FOR SUPPORT OF PAUPERS.

April 5, Paid P. F. Spaulding, on account of		
H. Nichols,	\$6 79	
April 5, Paid E. L. Greenleaf, balance salary,	290 79	
May 3, A. L. Converse, cost of insurance,	20 63	
Paid Worcester Lunatic Asylum for A. J.		
Hooker,	185 96	
For support of Mrs. L. B. Hubbard,	39 00	
N. S. Hubbard, bill for board of Ellis,	5 00	
A. L. Converse, cash paid to overseers,	340 00	
Geo. Bacon, funeral charges of B. Durant,	15 00	
N. S. Hubbard, on account of Geo. Need-		
ham,	16 66	
N. S. Hubbard, on account of P. Wilbur,	14 65	
J. T. Brown, for goods, etc.,	17 16	
G. F. Chamberlain, for medical services,	41 00	
F. D. Lincoln, on account of Mrs. A. J.		
Hooker,	10 00	
Peter O. Day, aid for blind daughter,	18 42	
	<hr/>	\$1,021 06

FOR MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSES.

Paid Clark W. Bryan & Co., printing, etc.,	\$77 50
P. W. Paige, for ringing bell,	50 00
W. F. Tarbell, abatement of taxes,	43 58
A. L. Converse, for State aid,	156 00
George Bacon, for recording deaths,	4 80
George Bacon, services as sexton,	66 17
S. W. Brown, expenses to Boston, etc.,	11 25
First Parish, for use of Hall,	50 00
J. T. Brown, for rent of room, etc.,	25 96
Cheney Newton, for abatements,	37 80

Paid Cheney Newton, for serving warrants,	\$4 00	
H. F. Brown, for express, etc.,	6 50	
	<hr/>	\$533 56

FOR UNUSUAL EXPENSES.

Paid Henry F. Brown, expense paid for hand-		
cuffs,	\$4 00	
Porter A. Parker, going after hearse,	5 00	
J. L. Hammett, for globes and maps,	106 92	
Darius Shaw, for work on mill dam,	49 63	
Chicago Scraper Co.,	12 17	
Patrick Cassidy, for damage on highway,	4 50	
	<hr/>	\$182 22

FOR OFFICERS' SALARIES.

SELECTMEN.

Paid Porter A. Parker,	\$21 50
Moses H. Baker,	12 50

SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

Paid Ellen P. Shaw,	30 00
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ASSESSORS.

Paid S. W. Brown,	50 00
Darius Shaw,	48 00
Cheney Newton,	41 25

AUDITING COMMITTEE.

Paid Henry F. Brown,	10 00	
F. E. Cook,	2 50	
Paid W. F. Tarbell, collector for 1873,	50 00	
W. F. Tarbell, collector for 1874,	50 00	
F. E. Cook, tramp fees,	2 50	
G. H. Upham, sealer of weights and care		
of room,	12 00	
Henry F. Brown, recording births, deaths, &c.,	17 30	
	<hr/>	\$347 55

APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE FOREGOING.

		PAYMENTS.
For repair of highways,	\$1,800 00	\$1,230 18
Support of bridges,	200 00	102 38

For snow paths,	\$300 00	\$143 10
Support of schools,	2,000 00	1,989 62
Repair of school-houses,	200 00	42 12
Support of paupers,	1,200 00	1,021 06
Officers' salaries,	400 00	347 55
Miscellaneous expenses,	300 00	533 56
Discount on taxes,	400 00	369 67
Unusual expenses,	200 00	182 22
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Total appropriated,	\$7,000 00	\$5,961 46
Total payments,	5,961 46	
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Amount unexpended,	\$1,038 54	

COLLECTOR'S REPORT.

W. F. TARBELL, *Collector.*

Balance certificate of 1874 reported uncollected, March 16, 1875,		\$235 41
Apr. 5, Paid Town Treasurer,	\$125 00	
June 7, Town Treasurer,	68 00	
1876		
Feb. 5, Town Treasurer,	42 40	
Balance tax 1874 uncollected,	01	
	<hr/>	\$235 41

CHENEY NEWTON, *Collector.*

Town tax for 1875,		\$8,574 20
July 29, Paid Town Treasurer,	\$372 00	
Aug. 11, Town Treasurer,	450 00	
Aug. 16, Town Treasurer,	258 00	
Aug. 19, Town Treasurer,	284 81	
Aug. 27, Town Treasurer,	428 19	
Aug. 28, Town Treasurer,	250 00	
Aug. 30, Town Treasurer,	515 66	
Aug. 31, County tax,	1,055 98	
Discount allowed on above at 6 per cent.,	230 72	
Nov. 1, Town Treasurer,	200 00	
Dec. 3, Town Treasurer,	250 00	
Dec. 21, Town Treasurer,	375 00	
Dec. 25, Town Treasurer,	325 00	
Dec. 31, Town Treasurer,	1,850 00	
1876		
Jan. 1, Town Treasurer,	335 02	
Discount allowed on above at 4 per cent.,	138 95	

Feb. 7, Paid Town Treasurer,	\$125 00	
Feb. 24, Town Treasurer,	100 00	
Feb. 29, Town Treasurer,	140 00	
Mar. 1, Town Treasurer,	201 02	
Mar. 8, Town Treasurer,	100 00	
Mar. 13, Town Treasurer,	137 80	
Mar. 15, Town Treasurer,	244 74	
Balance, being the amount of cer-		
tificate of 1875 uncollected,	206 31	
	<hr/>	\$8,574 20

Inventory of personal property at alms-house, March 16, 1876.

1 horse,	\$100 00	
1 yoke oxen,	175 00	
9 cows,	300 00	
4 heifers,	112 00	
15 hens, 1 turkey,	8 00	
4 shoats, 500 lbs.,	40 00	
7½ tons English hay, \$15,	112 50	
9 tons meadow hay, \$5,	45 00	
1½ tons rye straw, \$14,	21 00	
½ ton oat straw,	4 00	
30 bushels corn, at 90 cents,	27 00	
30 bushels rye, at 90 cents,	27 00	
3½ bushels buckwheat, at 75 cents,	2 62	
35 bushels oats, at 50 cents,	17 50	
175 lbs. of meal,	2 35	
Farming tools and wood,	290 95	
Provisions,	171 65	
Household furniture,	232 86	
	<hr/>	\$1,689 49
Amount of inventory, March 16, 1875,	\$1,837 85	
Amount of inventory, March 9, 1876,	1,689 49	
Difference,	<hr/>	\$148 36

OVERSEERS OF POOR.

In Account with the Town of Brimfield.

DR.

1875.

March 16, To Poor Farm as appraised this day,	\$4,300 00
Live stock as appraised this day,	705 00
Hay and grain as appraised this day,	291 15
Farming tools and wood this day,	377 75
Provisions,	208 18
Household furniture,	255 77
One year's interest on the above,	368 27
Cash advanced by Town Treasurer,	340 00
Paid Worcester Hospital for support of A. J. Hooker,	185 96
Dr. Chamberlain, medical attendance Durant boy,	33 00
Dr. Chamberlain, medical attendance Lyman Needham,	8 00
And amount due for support of Lydia Hubbard,	52 00
And amount due for support of H. Nichols and wife,	96 00

1875.

March 16, Paid Geo. Bacon, for coffin, etc.,	
for B. Durant,	\$15 00
Insurance on Alms-house,	20 63
On account of George	
Needham,	16 66
On account of Prelot Wil-	
bur,	14 65
On account of Peter O.	
Day's blind daughter,	18 42
F. D. Lincoln on account of	
Mrs. A. J. Hooker,	10 00
J. T. Brown, bill of goods,	17 16
Balance due E. Greenleaf as	
warden,	191 39
	<hr/> \$7,524 99

1876.

CR.

March 9, By Poor Farm as appraised this day,	\$4,300 00
Live stock as appraised this	
day,	737 00
Hay and grain, as appraised	
this day,	258 97
Farming tools and wood as	
appraised this day,	290 95
Provisions as appraised this	
day,	171 65
Household furniture as ap-	
praised this day,	232 86
Received from State Treasurer,	11 43
Balance, it being the amount it	
has cost the Town to	
support their poor the	
past year,	1,522 13
	<hr/> \$7,524 99
From this balance,	\$1,522 13
Deduct the expense for those	
out of the Alms-house	
viz :	
For A. J. Hooker,	\$185 96

1876.

Mar. 9, For Mrs. L. B. Hubbard,	\$52 00
Horace Nichols and wife,	96 00
George Needham,	16 66
Prelot Wilbur,	14 65
Peter O. Day's daughter,	18 42
Mrs. A. J. Hooker,	10 00
Funeral expenses, B. Durant,	15 00
Dr. Chamberlain's bill,	41 00
J. T. Brown's bill,	17 16—466 85

Leaving as the cost for those at the Alms-house, \$1,055 28

Average number at Alms-house, $7\frac{3}{8}$.

Number of weeks' board furnished, $369\frac{4}{7}$.

Cost of each week's board furnished, \$2.852.

Cost of each week's board after deducting the interest on farm and stock, \$1.856.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

A. L. Converse in Account with the Town of Brimfield.

1875.	DR.	
Mar. 16,	To cash on hand, balance of settlement,	\$2,834 10
Apr. 5,	Cash received of W. F. Tarbell, certificate 1874,	25 00
	Cash received of W. F. Tarbell, certificate 1874,	100 00
June 7,	Cash received of W. F. Tarbell, certificate 1874,	68 00
1876.		
Feb. 5,	Cash received of W. F. Tarbell, certificate 1874,	42 40
	Cash received of Cheney Newton, on certificate 1875,	6,942 24
	Cash received of State Treasurer, Corporation tax,	88 95
	Cash received of State Treasurer, State aid refunded,	240 00
	Cash received of State Treasurer on account of paupers,	11 43
	Cash received of State Treasurer, Bank tax,	915 29
	Cash received of State Treasurer, proportion school-fund,	248 51
	Cash received of S. C. Herring, drain assessment,	15 00
	Cash received of G. H. Upham, drain assessment,	10 00

1875.

Feb. 5, To cash received of A. G. Squires, drain assessment,	\$10 00
Cash received of Wm. S. Janes, drain assessment,	65 00
	<hr/> \$11,615 92

CR.

By paid E. H. Hall for H. Nichols and wife,	\$58 00
Paid Overseers of Poor for Alms- house, for which orders were not given,	240 00
Paid State tax,	1,080 00
Paid orders for repair of high- ways,	1,230 18
Paid orders for support of bridges,	102 38
Paid orders for support of schools,	1,989 62
Paid orders for repair of school- houses,	42 12
Paid orders for support of pau- pers,	781 06
Paid orders for salaries of officers,	347 55
Paid orders for miscellaneous purposes,	533 56
Paid orders for unusual expenses,	182 22
Paid orders for snow paths,	143 10
Balance cash in hands of Treasurer,	4,886 13
	<hr/> \$11,615 92

LIABILITIES OF THE TOWN.

1876.

Mar. 15, Due Mrs. Darius Needham, note and interest,	\$35 00
For ringing bell,	50 00
Worcester Lunatic Hospital, estimated,	46 00
Dog fund, not appropriated,	575 00
E. Greenleaf, balance salary,	191 39

1876.

Mar. 16, Due for support of Mrs. L. B.

Hubbard,	\$26 00	
For support of Horace Nichols and wife,	40 00	
N. S. Hubbard, services as selectman, etc.,	40 00	
For services school-committee, estimated,	50 00	
Cheney Newton for collecting taxes,	50 00	
For other bills not reported, estimated,	100 00	
Balance, being the amount of assets over all known liabilities,	4,099 21	
	—————	\$5,302 60

ASSETS.

1876.

Mar. '15, Cash in the hands of the Treasurer,	\$4,886 13	
Cash in School Book agency,	39 05	
Books, School Book agency,	76 58	
Due from State for aid to soldiers' families,	156 00	
From town of Monson for schooling, 1875,	34 56	
From town of Palmer for schooling, 1875,	38 28	
From A. Munroe for drain assessment,	48 00	
From N. F. Robinson for drain assessment,	24 00	
	—————	\$5,302 60

Submitted by

HENRY F. BROWN,	} <i>Auditing Committee.</i>
ORUS E. PARKER,	
OSCAR F. BROWN,	

Brimfield Town Report

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AUDITOR'S REPORT.

REPORT of the Receipts and Expenditures of the Town of Brimfield,
for the year ending March 17, 1877.

1876. FOR REPAIRS OF HIGHWAYS.

April	3,	Paid Wm. H. Sherman, repairs in 1875,	\$7 00	
April	3,	John S. Needham, repairs in 1875,	2 40	
April	3,	N. S. Hubbard, repairs in 1875,	3 20	
April	3,	Josiah Stebbins, repairs in 1875,	26 28	
May	1,	William H. Shaw, repairs in 1875,	3 00	
June	5,	A. S. Prouty, repairs in 1875,	9 00	
July	3,	John C. Spring, repairs in 1875,	1 80	
Aug.	7,	James B. Brown, repairs in 1875,	2 40	
Nov.		Jonathan Griffin,	13 75	
Jan.		Porter A. Parker,	3 50	
March	5,	J. T. Brown,	2 50	
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				\$74 83

1876. HIGHWAY SURVEYORS.

May	1,	Paid A. C. Bennett,	\$45 00	
June	5,	A. C. Bennett,	76 75	
July	3,	A. C. Bennett,	27 50	
Sept.	4,	A. C. Bennett,	37 50	
Oct.	2,	A. C. Bennett,	12 40	
Nov.	6,	A. C. Bennett,	7 50	
1877.				
Mar.	5,	A. C. Bennett,	3 15	
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				\$209 80

May	1,	Paid Wilbur G. Parker,	\$8 20	
Aug.	7,	Wilbur G. Parker,	66 75	
Oct.	2,	Wilbur G. Parker,	76 95	
Nov.	6,	Wilbur G. Parker,	30 25	
Dec.	4,	Wilbur G. Parker,	25 00	
			<hr/>	\$207 15

May	1,	Paid Alfred Lumbard,	\$39 19	
June	5,	Alfred Lumbard,	43 87	
Sept.	4,	Alfred Lumbard,	40 56	
Nov.	6,	Alfred Lumbard,	30 80	
			<hr/>	\$154 42

May	1,	Paid Austin Woodard,	\$64 27	
Aug.	7,	Austin Woodard,	21 90	
			<hr/>	\$86 17

June	5,	Paid Milo S. Booth,	\$112 00	
	6,	Milo S. Booth,	26 10	
			<hr/>	\$138 10

May	1,	Paid N. S. Hubbard,	\$79 07	
June	5,	N. S. Hubbard,	36 53	
July	3,	N. S. Hubbard,	24 30	
Sept.	4,	N. S. Hubbard,	22 75	
1877.				
March	5,	N. S. Hubbard,	4 75	
			<hr/>	\$167 40

Aug.	7,	Paid T. J. Morgan,	\$104 90	
Dec.	4,	T. J. Morgan,	3 74	
1877.				
Jan.	1,	T. J. Morgan,	1 93	
			<hr/>	\$110 59

May	1,	Paid N. S. Powers,	\$13 00	
Sept.	4,	N. S. Powers,	24 00	
Feb.	5,	N. S. Powers,	3 95	
1877.				
Mar.	17,	N. S. Powers,	56 51	
			<hr/>	\$97 46

Total,			<hr/>	\$1,245 92
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FOR SUPPORT OF BRIDGES.

May	1, Paid	W. G. Parker,	\$28 94	
Aug.	7,	T. J. Morgan,	4 07	
Aug.	7,	E. B. Webber,	17 50	
Sept.	4,	N. S. Hubbard,	36 80	
Oct.	2,	P. A. Parker,	15 13	
Oct.	2,	James B. Brown,	7 70	
Oct.	2,	H. A. Webber, for plank,	60 21	
Nov.	6,	E. B. & H. A. Webber,	10 00	
Dec.	4,	B. G. Webster,	27 00	
Dec.	4,	T. J. Morgan,	39 22	
1877.				
March	5,	J. T. Brown,	1 60	
Mar.	17,	Town of Palmer,	83 82	
Total,				\$331 99

FOR SNOW PATHS.

June	5, Paid	Alfred Lumbard,	\$1 15	
Jan.	1,	Alfred Lumbard,	39 15	
Feb.	5,	Alfred Lumbard,	101 04	
March	5,	Alfred Lumbard,	59 45	
				\$200 79
Feb.	5, Paid	W. G. Parker,	\$50 90	
Mar.	5,	W. G. Parker,	13 43	
				\$64 33
Feb.	5, Paid	Thomas J. Morgan,	\$49 56	
Mar.	5,	Thomas J. Morgan,	22 65	
Mar.	10,	Thomas J. Morgan,	1 60	
				\$73 81
Feb.	5, Paid	N. S. Hubbard,	43 23	
Mar.	5,	N. S. Hubbard,	50 66	\$93 89
Feb.	5,	M. S. Booth,	66 94	66 94
Mar.	5,	A. C. Bennett,	72 04	72 04
Mar.	5,	Austin Woodard,	46 76	46 76
Mar.	5,	R. T. Gleason,	1 00	1 00
Total,				\$619 56

FOR OFFICERS' SALARIES.

SELECTMEN.

	Paid N. S. Hubbard, for 1875,	\$41 26
1877.		
Mar. 17,	J. B. Brown,	27 87
Mar. 17,	P. A. Parker,	13 75

ASSESSORS.

	Paid S. W. Brown,	\$29 25
Oct. 2,	Cheney Newton,	30 10
Dec. 4,	G. M. Ilitchcock,	18 52

SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

1876.		
July 3,	Paid Rev. W. K. Pierce, for 1875,	\$25 00
Aug. 7,	H. F. Brown, for 1875,	18 00
1877.		
Mar. 10,	Ellen P. Shaw,	14 00

AUDITING COMMITTEE.

Aug. 7,	Paid H. F. Brown,	10 00
Feb. 5,	Oscar F. Brown,	4 00
	William H. Sherman, for 1875,	6 00
1877.		
Jan. 5,	G. H. Upham, sealer of weights and care of Selectmen's room,	12 00
Mar. 5,	Cheney Newton, Collector, 1875,	46 00
	F. E. Cook, service warrants,	10 00
	George Bacon, services as sexton,	86 80

 \$392 55

UNUSUAL EXPENSES.

Aug. 7,	Paid H. F. Brown, expenses to Bos- ton,	\$6 00
Sept. 4,	Alfred Lombard, railing,	7 30
Oct. 2,	G. H. Upham, work on drain,	3 00
Oct. 2,	A. C. Bennett, railing,	8 87
Oct. 2,	J. N. Buxton, railing,	65 03
Oct. 2,	N. S. Hubbard, railing,	3 00

1877.

Jan. 1,	Paid A. L. Converse, State Aid advanced,	86 00	
Jan. 1,	S. W. Brown, expenses to Boston,	10 20	
Mar. 5,	J. T. Brown, drain pipe,	8 40	
			<u>\$197 80</u>

FOR SUPPORT OF SCHOOLS.

Expenses, including only wages, board, fuel for and care of the fires and school-houses, for the year ending March 17, 1877 :

NAMES OF TEACHERS	No. of School.	Wages, Summer Term.	Wages, Fall Term.	Wages, Winter Term.	Cost of Fuel.	Cost of Care of Houses.	Total.
Augusta H. Noyes,	1	\$69 75	\$00 00	\$00 00	\$24 74	\$14 50	\$277 74
Ellen P. Shaw,	1	00 00	69 75	99 00			
Julia Blashfield,	2	69 75	69 75	102 00	21 25	8 00	270 75
Ella J. Blodgett,	3	63 00	63 00	00 00	13 50	2 50	232 00
J. H. Goodhue,	3	00 00	00 00	90 00			
U. J. Shaw,	4	63 00	00 00	00 00	19 50	3 00	234 10
H. N. Marsh,	4	00 00	61 60	87 00			
Sarah E. Hubbard,	5	63 00	63 00	00 00	16 50	2 50	235 00
Minnie Burleigh,	5	00 00	00 00	90 00			
Sarah Kenney,	6	63 00	63 00	90 00	12 00	3 00	231 00
	7	No	school.				234 75
Mary F. Woods,	8	63 00	50 40	102 60	15 25	3 50	
Sarah A. Buxton,	9	51 34	00 00	00 00	1 75		53 09
Cynthia M. Draper,	10	72 00	72 00	00 00	12 00	3 00	255 00
Ruth R. Cortis,	10	00 00	00 00	96 00			
		\$577 84	\$512 50	\$756 60	\$136 49	\$40 00	\$2,023 43

FOR OTHER EXPENSES FOR SCHOOLS.

Paid Parmenter & Walker, for crayons,	\$7 50
Ginn Brothers, for music books,	5 70
G. & C. Merriam, for dictionary,	9 00
L. Prang & Co., for drawing books,	6 90
Joseph L. Woods, for books furnished for teachers' desks,	3 56
Joseph L. Woods, for books furnished to pupils,	11 99

Paid Joseph L. Woods, for two bottles of ink, for schools Nos. 1 and 3,	\$2 00	
Joseph L. Woods, for brooms, paper and other supplies,	9 35	
Ellen P. Shaw, supplies for schools,	1 35	
J. T. Brown, supplies for schools,	60—	\$57 95
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Total amount paid,		\$2,081 38

From this, deduct the amount due for schooling children from Monson,	\$18 88	
For schooling children from Palmer,	24 35—	\$43 23
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And we find the cost for resident pupils to be, \$2,038 15

Appropriation for schools,	\$1,800 00	
Town proportion of school fund,	233 47—	\$2,033 47
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		\$4 68

FOR REPAIRS OF SCHOOL-HOUSES.

Paid George H. Upham, repairs,	\$5 35	
C. Scarborough, repairs No. 2,	16 88	
David A. Shaw,	9 75	
William H. Lumbard, repairs No. 10,	5 15	
Daniel Haynes, repairs No. 9,	2 00	
Abraham Charles, repairs No. 2,	2 00	
Ward & Nichols, stove pipe,	7 89	
G. H. Upham,	2 30	
J. L. Woods,	4 48	
Cummings & Conant, stove for No. 3,	12 20	
James N. Buxton, No. 3,	10 80	
G. H. Upham,	1 75	
J. T. Brown,	86	
D. W. Shepard & Co., for two chairs,	1 75	
	<hr/>	\$83 16

FOR SUPPORT OF PAUPERS.

1876.

Mar. 29,	Paid J. F. Lumbard, removing Durrant family,	\$5 00
April 3,	George Bacon, for coffin for Wicker,	11 00
April 3,	George Bacon, for coffin for Barnes child,	6 25
April 3,	A. Andrews, for Foskett family,	5 63
April 3,	N. S. Hubbard, for Barnes family,	22 50
April 3,	Lydia B. Hubbard,	26 00
May 1,	Worcester Hospital, for A. J. Hooker,	45 00
May 1,	H. V. Crosby, on account H. Nichols and wife,	32 00
May 1,	Ezra Greenleaf, balance salary,	191 39
Aug. 7,	Northampton Hospital, on account F. Blashfield,	32 90
Jan. 1,	E. Fenton, for support of Mrs. Works and child,	10 00

1877.

Jan. 1,	George Bacon, for coffin and shroud,	17 00
Feb. 5,	Alonzo Allen, for aid to Mrs. Phelps,	3 50
Mar. 5,	Worcester Hospital, for A. J. Hooker,	46 40
Mar. 5,	A. L. Converse, money paid Overseers Poor,	643 53
Mar. 5,	George Bacon, coffin and shroud for Blair,	16 50
Mar. 10,	George Bacon, for bill paid by him,	21 90
Mar. 10,	Northampton Hospital, for F. Blashfield,	41 50
Mar. 10,	Worcester Hospital, for A. J. Hooker,	51 24
		<hr/> \$1,229 24

FOR MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSES.

1876.

Mar. 29,	Paid G. H. Upham, on account drain,	\$2 00
April 3,	William H. Sherman, scraper,	5 00
April 3,	A. L. Converse, postage, &c.,	4 00
May 1,	S. S. Livermore, for ringing bell,	41 66
May 1,	Morris & Copeland, legal advice,	13 00
June 5,	Clark W. Bryan & Co., printing reports,	78 00
June 5,	A. C. Bennett, repairing scraper,	6 40
July 3,	G. H. Upham, painting monument fence,	18 27
Sept. 4,	J. H. Goodhue, printing tax bills,	3 25

1877.

Jan. 1,	G. H. Upham, for dust-pan,	25
Jan. 1,	George Bacon, work in cemetery,	3 45
Feb. 5,	Estate of P. W. Paige, for ringing bell,	8 34
Mar. 5,	J. T. Brown, rent room, &c.,	26 30
Mar. 10,	First Parish, rent of hall,	50 00
Mar. 17,	A. L. Converse, insurance school-house No. 1,	67 50
Mar. 17,	A. L. Converse, legal advice, stationery, postage,	8 00
		————— \$335 42

APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE FOREGOING.

		PAYMENTS.
For repair of highways,	\$1,500 00	\$1,245 92
Support of bridges,	100 00	331 99
Snow paths,	200 00	619 56
Support of schools, Town, \$1,800 ;		
school fund, \$233.47,	2,033 47	2,081 38
Repair of school-houses,	100 00	83 16
Support of paupers,	1,000 00	1,229 24
Officers, salaries,	400 00	392 55

Miscellaneous expenses,	\$300 00	\$335 42
Discount on taxes,	350 00	255 63
Unusual expenses,	150 00	197 80
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	\$6,133 47	\$6,772 65
Total appropriations,		6,133 47
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Excess over appropriations,		\$639 18

COLLECTOR'S REPORT.

1876.

Mar. 15, To balance certificate of 1875, uncol- lected,	\$206 31	
Amount of interest collected,	16 31	
	<u> </u>	\$222 62

Apr. 11, By paid Town Treasurer,	\$106 31
Nov. 10, Paid Town Treasurer,	100 00

1877.

Feb. 7, Paid Town Treasurer,	16 31	
	<u> </u>	\$222 62

Town tax for 1876,	\$6,371 65
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Aug. 9, Paid Town Treasurer,	\$300 00
Aug. 10, Town Treasurer,	130 00
Aug. 14, Town Treasurer,	70 00
Aug. 25, Town Treasurer,	400 00
Aug. 26, Town Treasurer,	200 00
Aug. 31, Town Treasurer,	525 00
Sept. 1, Town Treasurer,	200 00
County tax,	613 23
Discount allowed on above at 6 per cent,	155 63
Oct. 5, Paid Town Treasurer,	100 00
Nov. 4, Town Treasurer,	175 00
Nov. 10, Town Treasurer,	175 00
Nov. 24, Town Treasurer,	125 00
Dec. 7, Town Treasurer,	150 00
Dec. 14, Town Treasurer,	125 00
Dec. 19, Town Treasurer,	200 00
Dec. 23, Town Treasurer,	200 00
Dec. 26, Town Treasurer,	250 00

Dec. 28, Paid Town Treasurer,	\$275 00	
Dec. 30, Town Treasurer,	300 00	
1877.		
Jan. 1, Town Treasurer,	325 12	
Discount allowed on above at		
4 per cent,	100 00	
Jan. 17, Paid Town Treasurer,	100 00	
Mar. 1, Town Treasurer,	250 00	
Mar. 3, Town Treasurer,	150 00	
Mar. 17, Town Treasurer,	150 00	
Balance, being amount of cer-		
tificate of 1876, uncol-		
lected,	627 67	
	<hr/>	\$6,371 65

Inventory of personal property at almshouse, March 10, 1877.

1 horse,	\$100 00	
1 yoke oxen,	175 00	
7 cows,	250 00	
2 farrow cows,	40 00	
5 heifers,	140 00	
1 yearling,	8 00	
20 hens, 1 turkey,	10 00	
4 shoats, 700 lbs.,	56 00	
3 pigs, at \$4.50,	13 50	
11 tons English hay, at \$15,	165 00	
5½ tons meadow hay, at \$5,	27 50	
1 ton rye straw,	12 00	
¼ ton oat straw,	2 50	
15 bushels corn, at 70 cents,	10 50	
8 bushels buckwheat,	6 00	
10 bushels oats,	4 00	
150 lbs. meat,	2 00	
Farming tools and wood,	267 95	
Provisions,	187 35	
Household furniture,	232 86	
	<hr/>	\$1,710 16
Amount of inventory, March 9, 1876,		1,689 49
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Difference,		\$20 67

OVERSEERS OF POOR.

In account with the Town of Brimfield.

1876.	Dr.	
March 9, To Poor Farm as appraised March 9, 1876,		\$4,300 00
Live stock, as appraised March 9, 1876,		737 00
Hay and grain, as appraised March, 9, 1876,		258 97
Farming tools and wood, as appraised March, 9, 1876,		290 95
Provisions, as appraised March 9, 1876,		171 65
Household furniture, as appraised March 9, 1876,		232 86
1877.		
March 10, To one year interest on above amount,		359 48
Paid Worcester hospital for A. J. Hooker,		188 86
Paid Northampton Hospital for F. Blashfield,		78 40
Paid for support of Horace Nichols and wife,		43 44
Paid for support of Barnes family,		143 80
Paid Dr. Warren for attendance on Wicker,		3 50

Paid expenses of Geo. Needham to asylum,	\$13 02
Paid town of Wilbraham for Colgrove family,	18 24
Paid for support of Edward Clark at Reform School,	8 00
Paid Ansel Holbrook for support of Chas. Blair,	15 00
Paid J. T. Brown, balance account,	18 31
Paid cash advanced by the town,	355 00
Paid for Coffin, etc., for Kenfield,	25 00
Paid for coffin, etc, for Wicker,	11 00
Paid E. Fenton for support of Mrs. Works,	10 00
Paid for coffin and shroud for Charles Blair,	16 50
Paid Dr. Chamberlain for medical attendance, Mrs. Ryder,	1 75
Paid Dr. Chamberlain for medical attendance, Mrs. Works,	6 00
Paid Dr. Chamberlain, for medical attendance, for Mrs. Durant,	3 00
Paid John F. Lumbard, wood for Mrs. Durant,	3 65
Paid expense of getting coffin for Mrs. Tucker,	2 50
Paid balance due B. G. Webster as warden,	315 33
	<hr/> \$7,631 21

OVERSEER POOR.

1877.

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March 10, By Poor Farm as appraised this day,	\$4,300 00	
Live stock as appraised this day,	792 00	
Hay and grain as appraised this day,	244 30	
Provisions as appraised this day,	187 35	
Farming tools and wood as appraised this day,	267 95	
Household furniture as appraised this day,	232 86	
Cash received of North Brookfield, for Barnes family,	143 80	
Due from O. A. Blashfield,	78 40	
State, for burial of Wicker,	17 50	
Cash received of O. Kenfield,	10 00	
Balance, being the amount it has cost the town to support their poor the past year,	1,357, 05	
	<hr/>	\$7,631 21
From this balance,		\$1,357 05
Deduct the expense for those out of the almshouse, viz :		
For A. J. Hooker,	\$188 86	
George Needham,	13 02	
Edward Clark,	8 00	
Horace Nichols and wife,	43 44	
Mrs. Colgrove and children,	18 24	
Charles Blair,	15 00	
A. Kenfield,	15 00	
	<hr/>	\$301 56
Leaving as the cost for those at the almshouse,		<hr/> \$1,055 49

Average number at almshouse, 7 8-13.

Number of weeks' board furnished, 397 4-7.

Cost of each week's board, \$2,655+.

Cost of each week's board after deducting interest on farm and stock, \$1.749+.

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TREASURER'S REPORT.



A. L. Converse, in account with town of Brimfield.

1876.	DR.	
Mar. 16,	To balance settlement,	\$4,886 13
Apr. 6,	Cash received of County Treasurer, dog tax, 1875,	73 57
Apr. 11,	Cash received of Cheney Newton, certificate 1875,	106 31
June 5,	Cash received of N. F. Robinson, drain assessment,	24 00
June 20,	Cash received of No. Brookfield, for aid to Barnes,	153 80
June 21,	Cash received of State Treasurer, on account paupers,	1 80
Sept. 10,	Cash received of W. F. Tarbell, interest on taxes,	21 00
Nov. 1,	Cash received of Chicopee Bank,	500 00
Nov. 1,	Cash received of Chicopee for interest on \$1,500, to date,	31 34
Dec. 4.	Cash received State Treasurer, Corporation tax,	69 52
Dec. 13,	Cash received Chicopee Bank, balance loan and interest,	1,004 56
Dec. 13,	Cash received Chicopee Bank, bank tax,	691 86
Dec, 13,	Cash received of State aid reimbursed,	149 87

Nov. 10,	Cash received of Cheney Newton, Certificate, 1875,	\$100 00
1877.		
Jan. 3,	Cash received Town Monson, for schooling,	34 56
Jan. 13,	Cash received Town of Palmer, for schooling,	38 06
Jan. 25,	Cash received of State Treas- urer, proportion school fund,	233 47
Feb. 1,	Cash received of Cheney Newton, interest on taxes, 1875,	16 31
Feb. 22,	Cash received of County Treas- urer, dog tax, 1876,	107 22
Mar. 5,	Cash received of town of Monson, for schooling, 1874,	37 48
Mar. 6,	Cash received of State Treas- urer, corporation tax,	15 15
Mar. 12,	Cash received of A. Munroe, drain assessment,	48 00
	Cash received of Cheney Newton, certificate, 1876,	4,875 12
Mar. 17,	Cash received of George Bacon, on order overpaid,	17 00
		<hr/> \$13,236 13

A. L. Converse, in account with the Town of Brimfield.

1876.

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Apr. 8,	By paid note and interest, Mrs. Darius Needham,	\$37 93
Apr. 14,	Deposit Hampden Savings Bank, dog fund,	575 79
Apr. 28,	Loan to Chicopee Bank on call,	1,500 00
Nov. 1,	Loaned James S. Blair on note,	500 00
Dec. 4,	Paid State tax,	594 00
Dec. 13,	Deposit in Springfield Insti- tution for Savings,	1,004 56

Dec. 13,	Tax in town of Wales,	\$2 27
	Paid orders for repairs of highways,	1,245 92
	Paid orders for support of bridges,	331 99
	Paid orders for snow paths,	619 56
	Paid orders for support of schools,	2,083 13
	Paid orders for repairs of school-houses,	81 41
	Paid orders for support of paupers,	1,229 24
	Paid orders for officers' sala- ries,	392 55
	Paid orders for miscellaneous purposes,	335 42
	Pair order for unusual ex- penses,	197 80
	Paid orders for abatement of taxes,	43 20
	Balance cash in hands of Treasurer,	2,461 36
		—————\$13,236 13

LIABILITIES OF THE TOWN.

1877.

March 17,	Due for ringing bell May 1,	\$43 33
	Worcester Hospital, April 1,	45 00
	For dog fund not appropriated,	709 19
	Sumner Parker, for money paid Peter O. Day and Horace Nichols,	20 00
	Sumner Parker, for services as Overseer, estimated,	27 00
	Rev. W. K. Pierce, services on School Committee,	25 00
	Rev. W. K. Pierce, for bills paid,	5 00
	Joseph L. Woods, services as School Committee,	45 00
	Joseph L. Woods, for bills paid,	5 00

March 17, Due N. S. Hubbard, for services as Selectman,	\$13 00	
• For support of Mrs. Lydia B. Hubbard,	52 00	
Cheney Newton, for collecting taxes,	50 00	
B. G. Webster, balance salary,	315 33	
City of Springfield, for aid to Mrs. S. L. Whiting,	20 97	
City of Springfield, for aid to Ellen Grace, estimated,	15 00	
For other bills not reported, es- timated,	100 00	
Balance, being the amount of as- sets over all known liabil- ities,	4,044 55	
	<hr/>	\$5,532 37

ASSETS.

Cash in hands of Treasurer,	\$2,461 36	
Deposit in Hampden Savings Bank,	601 97	
Deposit in Institution for Savings,	1,004 56	
Due on note of James S. Blair,	512 50	
Due from State, aid to families of soldiers,	86 00	
Due from State, on pauper account,	17 50	
Due from O. A. Blashfield,	78 40	
Due from town of Monson, for schooling,	18 88	
Due from town of Palmer, for schooling,	24 35	
Due for taxes uncollected,	627 67	
Cash in book agency,	49 36	
Books on hand,	52 82	
	<hr/>	\$5,535 37

Submitted by

HENRY F. BROWN,	} <i>Auditing Committee.</i>
ORUS E. PARKER,	
OSCAR F. BROWN,	

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

SCHOOL COMMITTEE,

OF THE

TOWN OF BRIMFIELD,

FOR THE

Year Ending March, 1877.



SPRINGFIELD, MASS.:

CLARK W. BRYAN & COMPANY, PRINTERS.

1877.

SCHOOL REPORT.

THE Committee submit the following report :

The town has supported nine schools ; eight for thirty weeks, and one for eight weeks. There has been no school during the year in No. 7, for want of pupils.

The whole number of pupils attending the schools, the average attendance, and the average age of pupils for the year, are as follows :

Schools.	Whole No. of Pupils for first Term.	Second Term.	Third Term.	Average At- tendance of Pupils for first Term.	Second Term.	Third Term.	Average Age of Pupils for the year.
No. 1.	40	28	23	35	24	21	9 years.
No. 2.	28	36	27	22	27	21	8.7 years.
No. 3.	24	26	19	18	19	13	9.1 years.
No. 4.	10	17	16	9	15	13	10 years.
No. 5.	17	17	14	16	12	12	9.5 years.
No. 6.	23	20	25	20	16	22	11 years.
No. 8.	11	11	13	9	9	10	10 years.
No. 9.	9			7			8 years.
No. 10.	25	23	27	22	19	21	9.2 years.

As we have few means of knowing what estimates the people of the town put upon the duties and responsibilities of the School Committee, we deem it proper to express our own idea of them.

The law requires of it various specific duties, such as selecting and contracting with teachers, furnishing supplies, care of

school property, preparing a course of study, making reports, etc. ; but the great central duty, to which all others are subsidiary, is to insist that the children of the town shall receive the best possible mental and moral training consistent with their physical well-being.

If, in executing our convictions, we have subjected ourselves to criticism, it is simply a misfortune.

Recognizing the fact that a school is usually just what the teacher makes it, we have selected teachers with great care, made known to them our wishes, and have co-operated with them in their efforts to secure the desired results. Our relations with each and every one of them have been intimate and friendly, and each one is deserving commendation for faithful and conscientious efforts.

It has still been found necessary to combat the fallacy, that, because one can read well, write well, sing well, cipher well, draw well, etc., that she can teach reading, writing, singing, arithmetic, and drawing, well. Such a person can tell, can explain, and can cram, but these are not teaching. The educational process is a purely mental one, carried on wholly in the learner's mind ; the teacher's proper work is to direct, to stimulate, and to guide the operations of the mind.

A knowledge of the powers and operations of the mind has become a science, and the ability to direct and to guide such operations is an art ; it is therefore fallacious to assume that there is any necessary connection between knowing a subject, and knowing how to teach it.

Any one intimately acquainted with the details of educational work, will find two distinct classes of so-called teachers, and consequently of pupils. The first class may be well educated, in short, may possess many or all the natural attributes supposed to be necessary for becoming successful teachers, but they begin by asking such questions, as, What is a noun? What is arithmetic? What is a verb? What is reduction? etc., and the better part of their pupils, if they

have been studious, will repeat the answers as found in the text-book, but there is no certainty that they have gained correct ideas.

Careful examinations of a large number of pupils and teachers, have demonstrated that many of them have had no conception of the truth supposed to be expressed in the language repeated.

We find another class of teachers who base their teaching (sometimes unconsciously) on generally accepted psychological principles. They recognize the fact that an all-wise and beneficent Creator has endowed mankind with minds capable of infinite culture and progress, and has given him a body with certain organizations adapted to convey ideas of external objects to the mind. Thus, the eye alone can make us conscious of light or color; without the ear we could never have known anything of sound; without the sense of smell we could never have enjoyed the fragrance of the rose or have been warned of the deadly miasma; but He never gave us a language, or made us capable of receiving a new idea through such a medium without the assistance of one or more of the senses. They are conscious of the fact that the original sources of all our ideas of things are the things themselves, which ideas are conveyed to the mind by the senses. They lead their pupils to study the thing and not the language simply that may describe it—first the idea or the thought, and then the expression.

No definition of a noun is required till the class have by the study of words learned that many of them are used for the same purpose; this knowledge, thus gained, is then classified, and all such words are for the first time called nouns.

The beginner in arithmetic is not required at the first recitation to define arithmetic, for the teacher knows that a perfect definition will convey no meaning to him; and the teacher also knows that the pupil will learn what arithmetic is just as soon and no sooner than he learns arithmetic.

The teacher whom we now contemplate will endeavor to lead pupils to seek truth through the operations and activities of their own minds, and will reluctantly tell them anything that they can discover by their own exertions.

Such a teacher will refuse to be authority where an act of the judgment is required, when the pupil has the same means of exercising a correct judgment; he will by appropriate questions or otherwise lead the pupil to discover the truth, but he will not refuse him the right or the opportunity of exercising a private judgment.

Such a teacher will also refuse to be satisfied with his own empirical methods of teaching without comparing them and their results with those of other successful teachers. He who never learns except by his own experience will never have a very comprehensive mind.

We must not be understood in any sense as objecting to the use of text-books, we only object to their abuse. Their use must follow and supplement the operations of the senses, but never precede or supersede them. When so used their value can hardly be over-estimated.

The above remarks become more significant when we consider that a great change has taken place in our schools. Twenty-five years since, a fair proportion of pupils of fourteen, sixteen or eighteen years of age were found in most of them, doing grammar school work.

Since the establishment of our high school, most of our older pupils have successfully sought admission there, and the result is, that, during the past term, not over a dozen of our pupils have been able to do distinctively grammar school work, and a majority of these were found in one school.

This change in the nature of our schools, and the great improvements that have been made and adopted in the best primary and intermediate schools in our country, necessitate a modification of our traditional methods of instruction. At present most of our younger pupils are unemployed a large

part of the time. They are called up two or three times a day to read, to spell, to recite in numbers, &c., and then are returned to their seats with a vague or indefinite idea that they should study their books, but this is work not adapted to their natures; they soon tire and become listless and uneasy. One little fellow said lately that he "believed that even the teacher hated learning." His mother had previously taught him how to gratify his curiosity for knowledge by the use of natural objects, and his whole nature was interested and he loved it. In school all was changed; he was required to study books, his nature rebelled and he hated them. If that boy shall become a stupid scholar, to which should we attribute the cause, the "soil" or the "culture"?

It has been said that there is "no royal road to learning," but there is a natural one, and every one may travel it if properly directed. Just in proportion as we shall discover the nature of the child's capabilities, and his needs, and shall adapt ourselves to them, shall we succeed in truly educating him.

We would call attention to the subject of reading in our schools. It is all important that the pupil should begin right. The elementary period is a vital stage of education; the primary work must be correct. The host of poor readers with which our schools are filled, is the harvest of wrong sowing. A correct start would have easily obviated the evil that later seems so fixed and stubborn.

We are happy to be able to state that in nearly, if not quite all of our schools, the word method of teaching primary reading has been substituted for the A, B, C, method. By the new process the pupil is taught the idea first, then the word representing it, then the letters composing the word. There is nothing arbitrary about this process.

It is philosophical. It has been carefully tested, and is to-day generally approved and adopted.

If the pupil is led into the art of reading in such a way

that he understands and feels the thought of what he reads, then the natural expression, the right inflection, emphasis, tone, etc., will follow necessarily.

It is important that the reading matter used in our schools should be varied, and kept constantly fresh. The "Monthly Reader," by John L. Shorey, seems to meet this need. It contains sixteen handsome well-filled pages, and is offered for the Primary Schools at the low rate of fifty cents per copy.

The school-house in No. 2 needs reshingling. The walls have been repaired, and are now in better condition than for some years, but the seats and desks are very poor, inconvenient, and uncomfortable. It must be anything but agreeable to be obliged to occupy them; if modern and comfortable seats and desks were put in, they would be a present comfort, and they could readily be removed to another room when desired.

The school-houses in Nos. 5, 6, 8, and 10, need a single coat of paint to protect that already on and now rapidly wasting.

We believe it good economy to make these improvements at once, and respectfully ask that appropriations be made for that purpose.

During the year efforts have been made to introduce the study of drawing and vocal music into the schools. It is too late to argue in favor of these helps to a good education.

In some schools all has been accomplished that could have been expected, in others less has been done, but general results have proved that nothing is required to insure success but skillful teaching and more efficient helps. With a better appreciation of the work to be done, and a better preparation for doing it, we confidently predict satisfactory success. We have found it as difficult to introduce a new and useful educational process, as it is to discontinue an old and useless one.

The appropriation for school purposes has been about sufficient, with the closest economy, to defray their usual expenses ; but to assist and properly to utilize and supplement our school work, two things are greatly needed. First, some apparatus and reference books to be used in the school-room, and second, a general town library to be used out of it.

To secure the first, we have very limited resources. Feeling so keenly the need of such helps, we respectfully ask that the small sum that we may yearly collect from other towns for schooling a few of their pupils, may, by vote of the town, be placed at our disposal, for the purpose named. To secure the latter the town has the power. The importance of a well-selected library as an educational agent, cannot well be over-estimated. Few parents feel able to buy books of general reading for their children ; as a result, we find many a pupil so contracted in general knowledge that to him,

“ The visual line that girt him round,
(is) The world's extreme.”

Between such pupils and those who have had better means of acquiring information there is usually a wide difference.

We hope the town will not let the present favorable opportunity pass unimproved to secure to the children of the poorest families, the advantages which only the most favored can now enjoy.

“ The school committee shall procure, at the expense of the city or town, a sufficient supply of text-books for the public schools and give notice where they may be obtained. Said books shall be furnished to the pupils at such prices as merely to reimburse the expense of the same.”—Chapter 38, Sec. 29 Gen. Stat.

In accordance with the above, George M. Hitchcock has been appointed agent to supply text-books at his store, as the law directs.

The schools for the school year 1877-8 will commence as follows :

Spring term, April 23.

Fall term, August 27.

Winter term, December 3.

ELLEN P. SHAW,	}	<i>School Committee.</i>
JOSEPH L. WOODS,		
W. K. PEIRCE,		

BRIMFIELD, March 29, 1877.

FINANCIAL REPORT

OF THE

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WITH THE

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AUDITOR'S REPORT.

Report of the Receipts and Expenditures of the Town of Brimfield,
for the year ending March 16, 1878.

FOR REPAIR OF HIGHWAYS.

1877.

April	2,	Paid Alfred Lumbard,	\$15 45	
April	2,	Austin Woodard,	7 36	
April	2,	Edward B. Brown,	11 17	
May	7,	Alfred Lumbard,	4 60	
May	7,	The Selectmen,	6 61	
June	4,	Thomas J. Morgan,	1 15	
Oct.	1,	James B. Brown,	6 44	
Nov.	3,	Otto Shaffer,	7 29	
Nov.	3,	Milo S. Booth,	2 50	
Nov.	3,	W. J. Brown,	16 43	
Dec.	3,	Jonathan Griffin,	1 25	
Dec.	3,	George H. Upham,	1 05	
			<hr/>	\$81 30

May	7,	Paid A. C. Bennett,	\$32 25	
June	4,	A. C. Bennett,	39 00	
July	2,	A. C. Bennett,	12 00	
Sept.	3,	A. C. Bennett,	27 15	
Nov.	3,	A. C. Bennett,	5 25	
			<hr/>	115 65

May	7,	Paid Moses H. Baker,	\$53 60	
June	4,	Moses H. Baker,	26 25	

1878.

Jan.	7,	Moses H. Baker,	3 60	
			<hr/>	83 45

June	4,	Paid John Farrell,	\$22 70	
July	2,	John Farrell,	34 65	
Dec.	3,	John Farrell,	19 50	
			<hr/>	76 85
June	4,	Paid John S. Needham,	\$58 50	
Oct.	1,	John S. Needham,	6 40	
1878.				
Jan.	7,	John S. Needham,	3 00	
			<hr/>	67 90
July	2,	Paid Josiah Stebbins,	\$56 50	
Sept.	3,	Josiah Stebbins,	13 00	
Nov.	3,	Josiah Stebbins,	8 40	
			<hr/>	77 90
June	4,	Paid Wilbur G. Parker,	\$35 70	
July	2,	Wilbur G. Parker,	56 00	
Nov.	3,	Wilbur G. Parker,	35 02	
Dec.	3,	Wilbur G. Parker,	34 45	
Nov.	4,	Wilbur G. Parker,	5 85	
			<hr/>	167 02
June	4,	Paid Benjamin B. Fenton,	\$35 05	
July	2,	Benjamin B. Fenton,	24 75	
Dec.	3,	Benjamin B. Fenton,	16 60	
			<hr/>	76 40
June	4,	Paid Arthur B. Brown,	\$45 00	
July	2,	Arthur B. Brown,	3 30	
Nov.	3,	Arthur B. Brown,	28 05	
1878.				
March	4,	Arthur B. Brown,	2 70	
			<hr/>	79 05
June	4,	Paid John C. Spring,	\$55 40	
July	2,	John C. Spring,	63 56	
Sept.	3,	John C. Spring,	22 47	
Nov.	3,	John C. Spring,	43 06	
Dec.	3,	John C. Spring,	9 88	
			<hr/>	194 37

June	4,	Paid Benjamin G. Webster,	\$43 55	
July	2,	Benjamin G. Webster,	51 73	
Nov.	3,	Benjamin G. Webster,	39 55	
			<hr/>	134 83
Sept.	3,	Paid Dwight P. Allen,	\$56 23	56 23
Oct.	1,	Dauphin Brown,	53 25	
1878.				
Jan.	7,	Dauphin Brown,	2 62	
			<hr/>	55 87
Total,				<hr/> \$1,266 82

FOR SUPPORT OF BRIDGES.

1877.

May	7,	Paid E. B. & H. A. Webber for plank,	\$85 92	
June	4,	John S. Needham,	14 68	
June	4,	John C. Spring,	10 49	
Sept.	3,	Benjamin B. Fenton,	11 25	
Dec.	3,	Benjamin B. Fenton,	8 96	
Dec.	3,	John Farrell,	6 63	
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Total,				\$137 93

FOR SNOW PATHS.

1877.

April	2,	Paid John Haley,	\$4 25	
April	2,	John S. Needham,	6 60	
April	2,	Milo S. Booth,	8 26	
1878.				
Feb.	6,	Joseph P. Brown,	5 25	
March	4,	Moses H. Baker,	10 57	
March	4,	Josiah Stebbins,	10 95	
March	4,	Arthur B. Brown,	2 46	
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Total,				\$48 34

FOR OFFICERS' SALARIES.

1877.

SELECTMEN.

April	2,	Paid Newton S. Hubbard for 1876,	\$13 50	\$13 50
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ASSESSORS.

Dec.	3,	Paid Samuel W. Brown,	\$31 00	
Dec.	3,	Oscar F. Brown,	25 00	
March	4,	George M. Hitchcock.	21 00	
			<hr/>	77 00

SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

April	2,	Paid Rev. W. K. Pierce for 1876,	\$30 00	
April	2,	Joseph L. Woods for 1876,	50 00	
March	16.	E. W. Norwood for 1877,	4 50	
			<hr/>	84 50

SEXTON.

May	7,	Paid George Bacon.	\$29 25	
Oct.	1,	F. E. Cook,	29 00	
1878.				
Jan.	7,	F. E. Cook,	24 60	
			<hr/>	82 85

AUDITORS.

Dec.	3,	Paid Orus E. Parker,	\$6 00	
Dec.	3,	Oscar F. Brown,	6 00	
			<hr/>	12 00

CONSTABLE.

May	7,	Paid Francis E. Cook,	\$8 00	
1878.				
Jan.	7,	Francis E. Cook,	4 00	
March	4,	Francis E. Cook, Truant Officer,	2 00	
March	4,	Francis E. Cook, service Select-		
		men's order on owners of dogs,	10 00	
			<hr/>	24 00

OVERSEERS OF POOR.

1877.				
June	4,	Paid Sumner Parker for 1876,	\$29 50	
1878.				
March	4,	Francis E. Cook for 1877,	27 35	
			<hr/>	\$56 85
1878.				
Jan.	7,	Paid George H. Upham, sealer of		
		weights and care of Select-		
		men's room,	12 00	12 00

March 16, Paid Cheney Newton, Collector for		
1876,	50 00	50 00

\$412 70

UNUSUAL EXPENSES.

1877. TOWN HISTORY.

April 2, Paid Rev. C. M. Hyde,	\$100 00
May 7, J. H. Goodhue,	44 50
March 12, Clark W. Bryan & Co.,	200 00

1878.

Jan. 7, Milton Bradley & Co.,	50 00
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\$394 50

1877. RAILING FOR HIGHWAYS.

	Paid B. G. Webster,	\$40 00
July 2,	W. G. Parker,	3 00
July 2,	Josiah Stebbins,	6 50
	Benj. B. Fenton,	18 40
	John Farrell,	4 95

72 85

FOR DAMAGE ON HIGHWAY.

April 2, Paid Loring C. Howlett,	\$5 00
July 2, Joseph L. Woods,	2 00
July 2, Thomas McMahan,	2 00
Sept. 3, Lucy A. Collis,	41 00
Oct. 1, F. L. Wicker,	22 50

72 50

FOR MILL-DAM ROAD.

May 7, Paid Selectmen,	\$76 84
Dec. 3, Cheney Newton,	8 00
Dec. 3, John C. Spring,	20 17
May 7, F. E. Cook,	4 20

1878.

March 4, Morris & Copeland,	20 00
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129 21

1877. CEMETERY.

July 2, Paid Heirs of S. A. Hitchcock	
for land,	\$50 00
Dec. 3, D. Shaw & Son, for posts,	14 70

64 70

TOWN LIBRARY.

Paid Gen. Fitz Henry Warren,	\$300 00	
Lee & Shepard,	281 71	
Clark W. Bryan & Co.,	57 00	
	<hr/>	638 71
Paid for alterations of Almshouse,	\$661 35	661 35
J. T. Brown,	3 63	3 63
State Aid,	96 00	96 00
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Total,		\$2,133 45

FOR SUPPORT OF SCHOOLS.

Paid for wages and board of teachers, and for fuel and care of school-houses, for the year ending March 16, 1878:

NAMES OF TEACHERS.	No. of School.	Wages, Summer Term.	Wages, Fall Term.	Wages, Winter Term.	Fuel and Care of Houses.	Total.
Mary F. Woods,	1	\$69 75	\$00 00	\$00 00		
Fannie P. Walker,	1	00 00	69 75	99 00	\$21 22	\$259 72
Julia Blashfield,	2	69 75	68 20	99 00	27 75	264 70
Rebecca M. Lincoln,	3	63 00	63 00	00 00		
Sena J. Webber,	3	00 00	00 00	87 00	8 25	221 25
Harriet N. Marsh,	4	56 00	00 00	00 00		
Minnie S. Burleigh,	4	00 00	70 00	90 00	18 31	234 31
Sarah Hubbard,	5	32 66	00 00	84 00	9 50	126 16
Minnie S. Burleigh,	6	63 00	00 00	00 00		
Sarah E. Kenney,	6	00 00	63 00	96 00	7 50	229 50
Ruth R. Cortis,	7	00 00	63 00	00 00		63 00
Lizzie J. Traverse,	8	45 00	54 00	84 00	18 00	201 00
	9	No	school.			
Ruth R. Cortis,	10	69 75	00 00	92 66		
Sena J. Webber,	10	00 00	58 50	00 00	21 00	241 91
		<hr/>	<hr/>	<hr/>	<hr/>	<hr/>
		\$468 91	\$509 45	\$731 66		\$1,841 55

FOR OTHER EXPENSES FOR SCHOOLS.

Paid Parmenter & Walker, for crayons,	\$7 45	
Town of Wales, for schooling,	6 00	
J. L. Woods, for supplies,	1 62	
J. L. Woods, books furnished pupils,	12 86—	\$27 93
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Total amount paid,		\$1,869 48

From this deduct the amount due for schooling		
children from Monson,	\$11 92	
For schooling children from Palmer,	18 80—	30 72
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Cost for resident pupils,		\$1,838 76
Appropriations for schools,	\$1,800 00	
Town proportion of school fund,	224 51—	\$2,024 51
Deduct cost of schools,		1,838 76
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Balance unexpended,		\$185 75

REPAIR OF SCHOOL-HOUSES.

1877.

April	6,	Paid Joseph L. Woods,	\$2 90
May	7,	Albert S. Prouty,	3 00
Oct.	1,	Wm. C. Blashfield, repairs	
		No. 8,	19 75
Nov.	3,	A. L. Converse, repairs No. 2,	58 69
Nov.	3,	Jonathan P. Webber,	21 65

1878.

Feb.	6,	Joseph L. Woods,	3 85
March	4,	Albert W. Pierson,	9 85
March	4,	James Harvey,	1 36
March	4,	J. T. Brown,	16 90
March	4,	John Curly,	1 30
March	12,	George H. Upham,	9 25
March	12,	Joseph L. Woods,	1 99
			<hr/>
			\$150 49

MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSES.

April	2,	Paid Clark W. Bryan & Co., print-	
		ing town reports,	\$39 40
April	2,	Clark W. Bryan & Co., books	
		for Treasurer,	3 25
April	2,	George H. Upham, work on	
		drain,	2 00
May	7,	F. E. Cook, serving warrants,	3 50
May	7,	S. S. Livermore, ringing bell,	48 33
May	7,	George Bacon,	4 45

June 4,	John S. Needham,	4 50
August 6,	Melvin & Goodhue, printing,	5 00
Nov. 3,	Otto Shaffer,	1 00
Nov. 3,	Wm. J. Brown,	2 50
Nov. 3,	J. C. Spring,	4 75
Dec. 3,	George H. Upham, guide-boards, etc.,	11 93

1878.

March 4,	First Parish, for use of hall,	50 00
March 4,	J. T. Brown, rent, etc.,	28 56
March 12,	G. H. Upham, guide-board, etc.,	2 75
March 4,	Town of Wales, taxes,	3 78
March 4,	A. L. Converse, postage, etc.,	5 00

 215 70

FOR SUPPORT OF PAUPERS.

1877.

April 2,	Paid P. F. Spaulding, for C. M. Fosket, 1875,	\$4 00
April 2,	P. F. Spaulding, for Lyman Needham, 1875,	1 03
April 2,	George Bacon, coffin for Miss Tourtellot,	20 00
May 7,	B. G. Webster, salary to April 1, 1877,	315 33
June 4,	Sumner Parker, for Peter O'Day,	10 00
June 4,	Sumner Parker, for Horace Nichols,	10 00
June 4,	Sumner Parker, for postage, etc.,	1 50
	Cash advanced Overseers of Poor,	1,044 60

 \$1,406 46

APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE FOREGOING.

		PAYMENTS.	
For repair of highway,	\$1,200 00	\$1,266 82	
Support of bridges,	200 00	137 93	
Snow paths,	200 00	48 34	
Support of schools, town,	\$1,800 00		
Proportion of school fund,	224 51	2,024 51	1,869 48
Repair of school-houses,		200 00	150 49
Support of paupers,		1,000 00	1,406 46
Officers' salaries,		400 00	412 70
Miscellaneous expenses,		300 00	215 70
Discount on taxes,		200 00	245 69
Unusual expenses,	1,200 00		
Dog fund,	709 19	1,909 19	2,133 45
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			\$7,887 06
Total appropriations,			7,633 70
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Excess of payments over appropriations,			\$254 36

COLLECTOR'S REPORT.

CHENEY NEWTON, *Collector.* DR.

1877.

Mar. 16	To balance certificate of 1876, uncol-		
	lected,	\$627 67	
	Amount interest collected,	25 33	
		<hr/>	\$653 00

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1877.

April 2,	To paid Town Treasurer,	\$127 67	
May 7,	Town Treasurer,	100 00	
Aug. 9,	Town Treasurer,	200 00	
Aug. 28,	Town Treasurer,	150 00	
1878.			
Mar. 16,	Town Treasurer,	75 33	
		<hr/>	\$653 00
	Town tax, 1877,		\$6,211 44

JAMES S. BLAIR, *Collector.*

Aug. 18,	Paid County tax,	\$613 23	
Aug. 22,	Town Treasurer,	375 00	
Aug. 30,	Town Treasurer,	400 00	
Sept. 1,	Town Treasurer,	790 00	
	Discount allowed on above at		
	6 per cent.,	139 03	
Dec. 13,	Town Treasurer,	450 00	
Dec. 23,	Town Treasurer,	450 00	
Dec. 29,	Town Treasurer,	900 00	
1878.			
Jan. 1,	Town Treasurer,	760 00	
	Discount allowed on above at		
	4 per cent.,	106 66	

Mar. 8,	Town Treasurer,	150 00	
Mar. 16,	Town Treasurer,	300 00	
Mar. 16,	Town Treasurer's, certificate of abatement,	39 00	
	Balance, being amount of certifi- cate of 1877, uncollected,	738 52	
		<hr/>	\$6,211 44

Inventory of personal property at Alms house, March 13, 1878.

1 horse,	\$100 00	
1 yoke oxen,	175 00	
7 cows,	250 00	
3 farrows,	60 00	
1 cow, injured,	10 00	
2 heifers,	40 00	
16 hens,	8 00	
4 shoats, 400 lbs.,	24 00	
12 tons English hay,	180 00	
3½ tons meadow,	17 50	
1½ tons rye straw,	15 00	
½ ton oat straw,	5 00	
9 bushels corn,	6 30	
28 bushels rye,	21 00	
32 bushels oats,	12 80	
5 bushels buckwheat,	3 25	
Meal and shorts,	1 50	
Farming tools and wood,	241 50	
Provisions,	184 59	
Household furniture,	232 86	
	<hr/>	\$1,588 30
Inventory, March 10, 1877,		1,710 16
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Difference,		\$121 86

OVERSEERS OF POOR.

In account with the Town of Brimfield.

1877.

DR.

March 13, To Poor Farm as appraised March,	
10, 1877,	\$4,300 00
Live stock, as appraised March	
10, 1877,	792 00
Hay and grain, as appraised	
March 10, 1877,	244 30
Provisions, as appraised March	
10, 1877,	187 35
Farming tools and wood, as ap-	
praised March 10, 1877,	267 95
Household furniture, as appraised	
March 10, 1877,	232 86

1878.

March 13, To one year's interest on above,	361 47
Cash advanced by town,	1,044 60
Balance due B. G. Webster on	
salary,	309 89
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	\$7,740 42

OVERSEERS OF POOR.

1878.

CR.

March 13, By Poor Farm as appraised this day,	\$4,300 00
Live stock,	667 00
Hay and grain,	262 35
Provisions,	184 59
Farming tools and wood,	241 50
Household furniture,	232 86
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	\$5,888 30

By paid bills for support of poor out of Almshouse as follows :

Worcester hospital, for A. J. Hooker,	\$138 35	
Northampton hospital, for Margaret Bradley,	110 92	
Paid Lydia Hubbard,	52 00	
City of Springfield, for Ellen Grace,	11 50	
City of Springfield, for Sarah Whiting.	20 97	
Town of Wilbraham, for Colgrove family,	8 75	
For Horace Nichols and wife,	20 00	
Institution for Blind, for George Needham,	32 00	
State Reform School, for Edward Clark,	42 00	
J. S. Loomis, coffin for Wm. G. Stone,	18 50	
Aid for Mrs. Wm. G. Stone and family,	16 41	
Aid for O. Henfield and family,	20 85	
Aid for M. Lashway and family,	11 74	
J. S. Loomis, coffin for Madison child,	5 00	
Dr. G. F. Chamberlain, medical services for Mrs. S. J. Tucker,	5 00	
	<hr/>	\$513 99

By paid for repairs as follows :

F. Brigham for $15\frac{1}{2}$ M shingles,	\$63 75	
E. & G. W. Dimick, drawing shingles,	5 25	
J. M. Lyon, for shingling house,	21 67	
	<hr/>	90 67

Balance, being the amount it has

cost to support the poor at

Almshouse, \$1,247 46 1,247 46

\$7,740 42

Average number at Almshouse, $14\frac{7}{8}$.

Number of weeks' board furnished, 735.

Cost of each week's board, \$1.697+.

Cost of each week's board after deducting interest on farm and stock, \$1.205+.

Cost for 231 tramps included in the above, \$55.99.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

A. L. Converse, in account with Town of Brimfield.

1877.		Dr.	
March 16.	To balance settlement,		\$2,461 36
	Cash received of Cheney New-		
	ton on certificates of 1876.	627 67	
	Interest collected on taxes,	25 33	
June 11.	James S. Blair on note,	400 00	
July 2.	James S. Blair balance note		
	and interest,	118 96	
	Institution for Savings,	1,029 66	
Dec. 3.	Corporation tax,	44 71	
	National Bank tax,	660 21	
	State aid reimbursement,	86 00	
1878.			
Jan. 25.	Proportion school fund,	224 51	
Feb. 5.	Dog tax refunded,	85 92	
March 4.	Town of Palmer on account bridges,	2 03	
Feb. 10.	Balance Corporation tax,	3 12	
Oct. 16.	Hampden Savings Bank,	300 00	
	Error overpaid G. Bacon, and		
	Julia Blashfield,	6 25	
March 15.	Town of Monson for schooling		
	in 1876,	18 88	
	Hampden Savings Bank,	434 82	
March 16.	Received of town of Stur-		
	bridge for support of Miss		
	Tourtellot,	41 00	
	Received of James S. Blair on		
	certificate of 1877,	4,614 00	
			————— \$11,184 43

PAYMENTS.

1877.

Aug. 22.	By deposit in Hampden Savings Bank,	\$107 22
Dec. 3.	Paid State tax,	495 00

1878.

March 16.	Certificates of abatement, tax for 1876,	16 20
	Certificates of abatement, tax for 1877,	39 00
	S. S. Taft, administrator,	21 00
	Paid orders for repairs of highways,	1,266 82
	Paid orders for repairs of bridges,	137 93
	Paid orders for snow paths,	48 34
	Paid orders for support of schools,	1,869 48
	Paid orders for repairs of school-houses,	150 49
	Paid orders for support of paupers,	1,406 46
	Paid orders for officers' salaries,	412 70
	Paid orders for miscellaneous expenses,	215 70
	Paid orders for unusual expenses,	2,133 45
	Paid George Bacon,	5 25
	Paid Julia Blashfield,	1 00
	Balance, cash in the hands of Treasurer,	2,858 39
		<hr/> \$11,184 43

LIABILITIES OF THE TOWN.

1878.

March 16	Due May 1, for ringing bell,	\$35 00
	Northampton Hospital April 1,	45 00

Dog fund not appropriated,	85 92	
James S. Blair, Collector,	40 00	
B. G. Webster, balance of salary,	309 89	
Town of Wilbraham, for Col- grove family,	45 76	
Town of Monson, for S. J. Works,	3 00	
Town of Sturbridge, for O. Kenfield,	6 85	
State, for Edward Clark to April 1,	26 00	
For other bills not reported, estimated,	200 00	
Balance, being the amount of assets over all known liabilities,	3,149 88	
	<hr/>	\$3,947 30

ASSETS.

1878.

March 16. Cash in the hands of Treasurer,	\$2,858 39	
Due from State, for aid to families of soldiers,	96 00	
Due from O. A. Blashfield,	78 40	
Due from Monson for schooling,	11 92	
Due from Palmer for schooling, 1876 and '77,	24 35	
Due from Palmer for schooling, 1877 and '78,	18 80	
Due for taxes uncollected,	738 52	
Cash in Book Agency,	39 08	
Books on hand,	62 10	
Due from State on pauper account,	19 74	
	<hr/>	\$3,947 30

Submitted by

HENRY F. BROWN, {
 ORUS E. PARKER, { *Auditing*
 ARTHUR B. BROWN, { *Committee.*

SCHOOL REPORT

OF TOWN OF BRIMFIELD, FOR YEAR ENDING MARCH, 1878.

School Committee of the Town of Brimfield
in account with Town of Brimfield,

Dr. Cr.

To amount appropriated by the town for wages of teachers, fuel and care of school buildings,	\$1,700 00	
To three-fourths income of school fund,	168 38	
By teachers' wages,		\$1,719 36
By fuel and care of school buildings,		146 03
By unexpended balance,		2 99
	<u>\$1,868 38</u>	<u>\$1,868 38</u>

To amount appropriated for conveying children to and from school, or for teachers' wages in addition to the above,	\$100 00	
To unexpended balance,		\$100 00
To one-fourth income of school fund,	56 13	
By crayons, ink, books of reference, etc.,		12 85
By unexpended balance,		43 28
	<u>\$56 13</u>	<u>\$56 13</u>

To amount appropriated for repairs,	\$200 00	
By amount paid for repairs,		\$151 94
By unexpended balance,		48 06
	<u>\$2,224 51</u>	<u>\$2,224 51</u>

Entire amount appropriated for school pur-	
poses,	\$2,000 00
Income of school fund,	224 51
Expense of schools,	\$2,030 18
Unexpended balance,	194 33
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	\$2,224 51
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	\$2,224 51

In addition to the above, the Committee have contracted with Charles O. Brown to paint school-houses Nos. 6 and 10, the expense of same to be \$40.

School.		Teachers.	Wages per term.	Fuel and care of houses.	Total ex-pense.	Average No. Scholars.	Cost per Scholar.
No. 1,	1 term,	Mary F. Woods,	\$69 75 }				
	2 "	Fannie P. Walker,	69 75 }	\$23 22	\$261 72	32	\$8 18
	3 "	"	99 00 }				
2,	1 "	Julia A. Blashfield,	69 75 }				
	2 "	"	68 20 }	27 75	264 70	37	7 15
	3 "	"	99 00 }				
3,	1 "	Rebecca M. Lincoln,	63 00 }				
	2 "	"	63 00 }	10 25	223 25	21	10 63
	3 "	Sena J. Webber,	87 00 }				
4,	1 "	H. N. Marsh,	56 00 }				
	2 "	Minnie S. Burleigh,	70 00 }	18 31	234 31	18	13 02
	3 "	"	90 00 }				
5,	1 "	Sarah Hubbard,	32 66 }				
	3 "	"	84 00 }	13 00	129 66	11	11 79
6,	1 "	Sarah E. Kenney,	63 00 }				
	2 "	"	63 00 }	10 50	232 50	18	12 92
	3 "	"	96 00 }				
7,	2 "	Ruth R. Cortis,	63 00 }		63 00	10	6 30
8,	1 "	Lizzie J. Traverse,	45 00 }				
	2 "	"	54 00 }	20 00	203 00	14	14 50
	3 "	"	84 00 }				
9,		Paid to Wales,	6 00 }		6 00	2	3 00
10,	1 "	Ruth R. Cortis,	69 75 }				
	2 "	Sena J. Webber,	58 50 }	23 00	247 25	23	10 75
	3 "	Ruth R. Cortis,	96 00 }				
			\$1,719 36	\$146 03	\$1,865 39		

There has been much good work done in the schools during the past year; the teachers have been generally interested and faithful; pupils have shown a good spirit and a disposition to make a good use of their school privileges; but we have a conviction that there is yet to be made a vast improvement in our school economy, resulting, we hope, in a corresponding increase of the mental and moral culture of our children.

An agent of the board of education who has opportunities for acquiring extended and accurate knowledge of the educational work done in this and several other States, in private conversation, said, recently, in substance: "The people are wonderfully patient in bearing the burdens which the education of their children imposes upon them; but if they knew what I know of the waste of time, money, and opportunity, of the unskillful work done by teachers and school officers, of the absence of any comprehensive plan, purpose or object to be attained except the formal ones of spending the appropriations, continuing the school so many weeks, and studying so many books, they would not as cheerfully vote away so much of their hard-earned substance without securing more substantial results." That there is more truth than imagination in the above many will attest, and we will not doubt. One of the principal causes for such a condition is the erroneous conception of the nature of a true education. A brief statement of the modern idea of it will best explain the motives and purposes which govern us in school work.

It has been the popular belief, and to a great extent is the present one, that a knowledge of the three R's constituted the substance of the education needed by children.

If one was able to read, write in a copy-book, and cipher, he was supposed to be able to "act well his part in life." With such a low aim it is no wonder that so many have left our schools with so little mental culture, and with less desire for more.

But such a theory ignores the godlike attributes of man, which raises him so far above the lower animals and makes him a "little lower than the angels."

The acquisition of useful knowledge is of great importance, but if the memory alone is to be relied on for its retention, it is held by a very uncertain tenure. Store the memory as you will, you can not make it a magazine for all that is desirable; hence something more is needed. To educate, accord-

ing to Webster, is to "lead out and train the mental powers, to inform and enlighten the understanding." In short, "education is mental growth and development." These definitions we accept, and for their practical application we labor.

Our duty then is to train and develop the minds of our pupils. To do this intelligently, we must first learn what we can of the nature, powers and order of their development. If we have ourselves learned to observe and to compare, we shall soon find that children get their first correct ideas of things through their senses. We might as well expect a blind man to understand colors or a deaf one to learn music, as to expect a child to have a correct idea of a flower or cube, or even of a word or letter, till he has first seen them. How unwise then for us, when he first comes to school to put a book into his hands with the expectation that by such means we are educating him. Rather let us rely on those powers of his own mind which nature gave him; let us place proper objects before him and lead him to examine, to compare and to think for himself, then lead him to give expression to his thoughts, at the same time teaching him proper expressions. Having expressed a thought based on observed facts, the sentence used by him is a real thing and he is then prepared to learn the written expression on the board or in a book, then the words composing the sentence, and subsequently the letters of the words. The methods here suggested are not visionary or ideal ones. Many teachers have used them and thousands of pupils have profited by them, and it is now too late to doubt their superior efficiency when employed by the skillful teacher.

But this is not all. We must inquire into the state or condition of the pupil's mind most favorable to secure mental development. If we should tell a class that a crayon was brittle, inflexible and friable, or that oxygen gas was inodorous, colorless, a supporter of combustion, etc., they would probably, were they accustomed to such teaching, accept the

facts without question ; but their minds being in a passive condition, no mental effort has been made, no power has been gained and no desire has been excited to obtain other facts, except in the same passive manner. Such pupils may become worthy men and women, but they will not be likely to have active, independent minds.

On the other hand, if the teacher had placed these objects before the class, and had led its members to investigate their properties and to discover the facts, their minds would have been excited to activity ; they would, in a measure, have acquired a power and a disposition to investigate and to discover other facts. The mind's activity is the food on which it grows, and thus it expands indefinitely. Pupils thus taught have commenced their education in the best manner now known to educators, and when thus taught may be expected to become the progressive men and women of the future. Such teaching and such study made a Galileo, a Columbus, a Franklin and an Agassiz, and is to-day exciting thousands of minds to seek for facts and truth outside of the dogmas of the past.

The poorest teaching now done in our schools is with the younger pupils. The perceptive powers of such are very keen, and if rightly called into activity, the result will prove, as a skillful teacher once remarked, that "every child, if correctly taught, is a wonder."

Before coming to school a child is in constant contact with things, and he learns of them by observation, and his ideas are correct. When he enters the school all is changed ; there is not an object on the teacher's desk for him to examine. During the first hour he is called out to read from a book, although many of the words he is taught to pronounce are unmeaning to him, and convey no ideas to his passive mind ; he then returns to his seat to spend most of the remaining hours of the school-day in listless idleness, because nothing is furnished him to do ; his activities are repressed

and he is placed in an abnormal condition. If he should prove to be a dunce after a course of such teaching, we are too much disposed to charge the fact to nature rather than to our own unskillful teaching.

That there has been some improvement on the picture here drawn we are happy to admit; that much of it is true now in some of our schools, we are sorry to affirm. Fully persuaded that the first year of a child's school-life is the most important epoch in his educational career, we shall continue our efforts to secure for him that course of teaching which his nature demands. To succeed, we must have proper objects for study on the teachers' desks, and our teachers must learn how to use them effectively.

We call attention to this fact, noticed in our schools, that the scholars are ambitious to advance, eager to press on; such progress is apt to be at the expense of thoroughness. Scholars are unwilling to be held back; they have pride about keeping up with the class; they want to make that kind of progress that is marked by the turning over of leaves, and they are displeased and unwilling when required to go back or remain where they are until they have mastered the situation. And they too often get sympathy at home in this feeling. Their parents are ambitious for them, and have pride for them, and overlook the necessity of thoroughness.

The truth is, and it can scarcely be emphasized too much, that thoroughness and complete mastery of one principle, are better than the hasty passage over a dozen. Education is not merely the storing of the mind with knowledge, it is mainly the development of mental power. Not the accumulation of facts, not passing over a certain number of pages, not the amount of ground gone over, but discipline and culture, the mental facility in the acquisition and use of knowledge; this is the chief end of all study in the schools. To accomplish this, the scholar must not be hurried or allowed to rush along; he must be held to one thing, kept upon one plane

until thorough work is made there. And parents should sympathize with all efforts of the teacher directed to this end. They should learn that the true line of ambition and the true test of progress are not the number of pages turned, not the amount of space gone over, but the habits of study acquired, the mental discipline and culture attained. The scholar will, as a matter of course, get tired of one page, one section, one principle, and be restlessly eager after novelties and fresh fields.

The remedy for this, and indeed the grand key to all true, effective teaching, is the vitalization of the subject before the class by the teacher's mind, the bringing of light and interest, and throwing it upon the page by the vivacity, intelligence, and ingenuity of the teacher.

We are well aware that this implies a teaching genius far above the average teacher's ability, and it is indeed toward the ideal teacher that all should aim.

Attention has been called, in previous reports of your Committee, to the importance of a manifestation of interest in the schools on the part of neighbors, friends and parents, by frequent visits to the school-room and notice of the work there done. On this point we will state that the visits of parents and friends to the schools during the school year just closed number two hundred and one. This does not include the calls of the Committee, nor the attendance of visitors on examination days. Had the latter been included in the enumeration, the number would probably have been double that just given.

The visits of the Committee to the schools exceed one hundred.

REPAIRS.

The school-house in No. 2 has been made much more comfortable and convenient by putting in new seats and desks. The houses in Nos. 1 and 8 have been repainted, and the houses in 6 and 10 are now under contract. New pumps

have been furnished in 1 and 4. In addition to the above, minor repairs have been made on all the school-houses in use, and they are now in a fair condition. Nos. 5 and 7 need repainting, and No. 2 will soon need reshingling, if it continues to be used for a school-house.

The Truant Laws enacted last year were not submitted to the court for approval for some months, and they came to us too late to be very serviceable for the year. We at once proceeded to avail ourselves of them, electing two truant officers whose report is herewith submitted, as are also the Truant Laws. It is hoped that parents will see that there shall be but little necessity to employ a truant officer for the year to come.

The laws enforcing attendance of children in the schools (Chap. 41, Sec. 1 of the R. S.) which the truant officers are required to enforce, are as follows :

“Every person having under his control a child between the ages of eight and fourteen years, shall annually cause such child to attend some public day school in the city or town in which he resides, at least twenty weeks ; which time shall be divided into two terms each of ten consecutive weeks, so far as the arrangement of school terms will allow ; and for every neglect of such duty the party offending shall forfeit to the use of the public schools of such city or town a sum not exceeding twenty dollars.”

The law above referred to provides for reasonable excuses, which will exempt from the above penalty.

TRUANT LAWS ADOPTED BY THE TOWN OF BRIMFIELD APRIL 9, 1877.

ARTICLE I. Any minor child residing in the town of Brimfield, between the ages of seven and fifteen years of age, who shall be guilty of being an habitual truant, or of wandering about in the streets, or public places of the town, having no lawful occupation or business, not attending school, and growing up in ignorance, shall upon conviction

thereof, be punished by fine not exceeding twenty dollars, or instead thereof may be committed, with the assent of the Board of State Charities, to the State Primary School at Monson, for such time, not exceeding two years, as the Justice or Court having jurisdiction thereof may determine.

ART. II. The State Primary School at Monson, with the assent of the Board of State Charities, is hereby assigned and provided as an institution for instruction, house of reformation and suitable place for the confinement, discipline and instruction of such children.

ART. III. It shall be the duty of every Truant Officer, before making any complaint for offenses under these By-laws, to notify the offending child and his parent, or guardian, of the offence committed, and of the penalty therefor; and if the truant officer can obtain satisfactory pledges for the restraint and reformation of the child, he may, in his discretion, forbear to prosecute so long as such pledges are faithfully observed and kept.

ART. IV. These By-laws shall take effect on their approval as required by law.

I have approved the foregoing provisions and By-laws. Witness my hand this twenty-fourth day of August, A. D. eighteen hundred and seventy-seven.

WILLIAM S. SHURTLEFF,
Judge of Probate for Hampden County.

To the School Committee of the Town of Brimfield.

Gentlemen: In compliance with your request, I visited School District No. 2, and respectfully submit the following report: Owing to the lateness of the season when appointed Truant Officer, I knew nothing in regard to the children of this district previous to the Winter term. On December 27, I visited District No. 2, and found nine children between the age of eight and fourteen who were not attending school. I consulted the parents or guardians of the children, who gave me their reasons why the children under their charge did not attend school. Some gave as a reason inability by reason of poverty, others the long distance from the school-house, others said they would comply with the law immediately. Only one man refused to send his child, and defied the Committee to make him. I made an oral report to you immediately.

As there has been no complaint to me by you or the teacher, I presume all that the law requires to attend school did so.

F. E. COOK, *Truant Officer*.

Brimfield, March 11, 1878.

George M. Hitchcock, the town's agent, will continue to supply school-books at a small advance on the wholesale prices.

The schools for the school year will commence as follows: Spring term, April 22; Fall term, August 27; Winter term, December 2.

Respectfully submitted,

W. K. PIERCE,	}	<i>School Committee of Brimfield.</i>
J. L. WOODS,		
E. W. NORWOOD,		

Brimfield, March 22, 1878.

FINANCIAL REPORT
OF THE
Town of Brimfield,
WITH THE
REPORT
OF THE
SCHOOL COMMITTEE,
FOR THE
Year Ending March 22, 1879.



SPRINGFIELD, MASS.:
THE CLARK W. BRYAN COMPANY, PRINTERS,
1879.

AUDITOR'S REPORT.

Report of the Receipts and Expenditures of the Town of Brimfield,
for the year ending March 22, 1879.

PAYMENTS FOR REPAIRS OF HIGHWAYS.

1878.

April	8,	Paid John C. Spring,	\$3 67
June	3,	John C. Spring,	80 95
July	1,	John C. Spring,	70 30
Oct.	7,	John C. Spring,	59 18

1879.

Jan.	6,	John C. Spring,	6 45	
Mar.	22,	John C. Spring,	1 20	
			<hr/>	\$221 75

April	8,	Paid Benjamin B. Fenton,	\$8 25	
July	1,	Benjamin B. Fenton,	48 00	*
Aug.	5,	Benjamin B. Fenton,	1 25	

1879.

Jan.	6,	Benjamin B. Fenton,	6 50	
			<hr/>	64 00

April	8,	Paid W. D. Bennett,	\$33 10	
June	3,	W. D. Bennett,	41 10	
July	1,	W. D. Bennett,	12 00	
Sept.	2,	W. D. Bennett,	47 25	
Oct.	7,	W. D. Bennett,	12 00	

145 45

June	3,	Paid John Shanley,	\$49 50	
July	1,	John Shanley,	10 65	

1879.

Jan.	6,	John Shanley,	6 15	
			<hr/>	66 30

June 3,	Paid Moses H. Baker,	\$64 05	
July 1,	Moses H. Baker,	16 50	
Sept. 2,	Moses H. Baker,	28 35	
1879.			
Jan. 6,	Moses H. Baker,	27 15	
		<hr/>	\$136 05
June 3,	Paid Newton S. Hubbard,	\$59 36	
Sept. 2,	Newton S. Hubbard,	38 25	
1879.			
Mar. 3,	Newton S. Hubbard,	1 95	
		<hr/>	99 56
June 3,	Paid Edwin A. Janes,	\$38 35	
July 1,	Edwin A. Janes,	6 00	
Oct. 7,	Edwin A. Janes,	21 02	
1879.			
Jan. 6,	Edwin A. Janes,	5 35	
		<hr/>	70 22
June 3,	Paid Milo S. Booth,	\$53 25	
July 1,	Milo S. Booth,	33 00	
Sept. 2,	Milo S. Booth,	21 61	
1879.			
Jan. 6,	Milo S. Booth,	22 80	
Feb. 3,	Milo S. Booth,	5 40	
		<hr/>	136 06
July 1,	Paid Henry Blodgett,	\$53 00	
Sept. 2,	Henry Blodgett,	29 50	
1879.			
Jan. 6,	Henry Blodgett,	16 00	
		<hr/>	108 50
Oct. 7,	Paid Porter A. Parker,	\$37 65	
1879			
Mar. 22,	Porter A. Parker,	8 50	
		<hr/>	46 15
April 1,	Paid A. C. Bennett,	\$1 65	
April 1,	James H. Brown,	2 10	

April 1,	Paid W. G. Parker,	\$4 95	
April 1,	D. P. Allen,	7 56	
April 8,	John S. Needham,	1 20	
Aug. 5,	H. F. Brown,	1 25	
Aug. 5,	Jas. B. Brown,	3 08	
Sept. 2,	Orus E. Parker,	8 00	
Oct. 7,	Austin Andrews,	4 00	
1879.			
Jan. 6,	H. A. Webber,	10 15	
Jan. 5,	E. B. Webber,	15 25	
Mar. 23,	J. T. Brown,	2 50	
		<hr/>	\$61 69
Total,			<hr/> \$1,150 20

FOR SUPPORT OF BRIDGES.

July 1,	Paid John C. Spring,	\$3 75	
Nov. 4,	Moses H. Baker,	5 29	
		<hr/>	\$9 04

FOR SNOW PATHS.

1878.

Mar. 30,	Paid Warren Agard,	\$1 80	
Mar. 30,	M. A. Cheever,	8 77	
Mar. 30,	Dauphin Brown,	13 87	
April 5,	W. D. Bennett,	2 70	
April 5,	John Farrell,	4 95	
April 5,	Thomas J. Morgan,	6 21	
April 5,	John C. Spring,	3 60	
April 5,	John S. Needham,	45	
June 3,	Edwin A. Janes,	5 25	

1879.

Jan. 6,	Thomas J. Morgan,	11 50	
Jan. 6,	John Shanley,	15 60	
Feb. 3,	Milo S. Booth,	90	
Mar. 3,	John C. Spring,	14 36	
Mar. 3,	Newton S. Hubbard,	4 62	
Mar. 22,	Moses H. Baker,	4 35	
Mar. 22,	Porter A. Parker,	6 30	
		<hr/>	\$105 50

FOR SUPPORT OF PAUPERS

1878.

May	6.	B. G. Webster, for balance	
.		salary,	\$309 89
		C. B. Blair, for shingles,	100 00
		Town of Monson, for Mrs.	
		Works,	3 00
		Insurance on Alms House,	21 00
June	3.	P. A. Parker, building material,	7 05
		F. R. Newton, bracket bolts,	1 65
		M. F. Robinson, mason work,	4 50
Aug.	5.	B. G. Webster, paid for lumber, etc.,	56 01
		H. F. Brown, expenses Costello	
		case,	8 90
Sept.	2.	F. R. Newton, for rocking chair	
		and expenses,	8 00
Oct.	7.	F. E. Cook, expenses for E. L.	
		Hitchcock,	7 00
		F. E. Cook, paid expenses for M.	
		Allen, etc.,	3 57
		Northampton Hospital, for Mrs.	
		Bradley,	46 00
		J. S. Loomis, for coffin,	3 50
		S. H. Skerry, insurance,	45 00
		Town of Wales, tax,	1 86
		F. E. Cook, for Mrs. Colegrove,	41 50
		Charles I. Burleigh & Co., for	
		McQueen,	23 45
		Northampton Hospital, for Mrs.	
		Bradley,	45 50
		Worcester Hospital, for Mrs. J.	
		W. Brown,	13 30
		State. for Edward Clarke,	38 00
Nov.	4.	F. R. Newton, for Mrs. Cole-	
		grove and Needham,	25 30

1879.

Jan.	6.	J. T. Brown, for Ryder family,	3 00
		E. Livermore, for Durant family,	2 00

Jan.	6.	Chas. I. Burleigh & Co., for McQueen,	\$5 00
		M. Auguanos, for Geo. Needham,	5 45
		G. M. Hitchcock, for McQueen,	1 00
		G. M. Hitchcock, for A. J. Ryder,	3 04
		G. M. Hitchcock, for O. Kenfield,	10 55
		Jos. L. Wood, expenses to Bos- ton,	6 48
		P. F. Spaulding, for Lashaway family, Kenfield, Ryder and McQueen,	9 91
		S. L. Coye, for Mrs. Colegrove,	3 00
		B. B. Fenton, wood for Mrs. Colegrave,	3 75
		F. E. Cook, expenses, H. Pierce,	3 50
Feb.	3.	G. F. Chamberlain, for McQueen,	28 00
		Northampton Hospital, for Mrs. Bradley,	47 00
March	3.	F. R. Newton, for Mrs. Cole- grove,	20 00
		G. A. Webster, for Durant boy,	50
		J. F. Holbrook, for Mrs. Cole- grove,	10 16
		F. R. Newton, for Mrs. Cole- grove,	2 20
		Town of Monson, Works boy,	18 21
	21.	Worcester Hospital, for Mrs. J. W. Brown,	9 03
		G. M. Hitchcock,	4 70
		A. L. Converse, cash advanced and bills paid,	284 69
		A. L. Converse, cash advanced and bills paid,	465 00
	22.	Cheney Newton, for Mrs. J. M. Brown,	6 50
		J. T. Brown,	4 24
		J. F. Holbrook, for Mrs. Cole- grove,	8 76

March 22.	F. R. Newton,	\$0 18	
	Jos. L. Woods,	1 13	
		<hr/>	\$1,782 96

FOR OFFICERS' SALARIES.

1878. SELECTMEN.

April 5,	Paid James B. Brown, 1877-8,	\$44 75	
	Moses H. Baker, 1877-8,	22 00	
	Charles F. Spaulding, 1877-8,	19 00	
		<hr/>	\$85 75

SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

April 5,	Paid Rev. W. K. Pierce, 1877-8,	\$20 00	
	Rev. W. H. Pierce, 1878-9,	25 00	
May 6,	Paid Joseph L. Woods, 1877-8,	47 00	
1879.			
Mar. 22,	Paid E. W. Norwood, 1878-9,	4 00	
		<hr/>	\$96 00

1879. ASSESSORS.

Jan. 6,	Paid Nathan M. Goodale,	\$18 00	
	Oscar F. Brown,	30 00	
	Sanford Booth,	29 00	
		<hr/>	\$77 00

1878. SEXTON.

July 1,	Paid F. E. Cook,	\$27 50	
1879.			
Jan. 6,	F. E. Cook,	33 40	
		<hr/>	\$60 90

AUDITORS.

Sept. 6,	Paid Orus E. Parker for 1877-8,	\$6 00	
Aug. 5,	Henry F. Brown for 1876-7,	10 00	
	Henry F. Brown for 1877-8,	10 00	
		<hr/>	\$26 00

TOWN CLERK.

Aug. 5,	Paid H. F. Brown, recording marriages, births and deaths, 1876-7,	\$17 35	
Aug. 5,	H. F. Brown, recording marriages, births and deaths, 1877-8,	20 70	
		<hr/>	\$38 05

OVERSEERS OF THE POOR.

Sumner Parker, 1877-8,	\$15 00	
Sumner Parker, on account of Colegrove family,	4 00	
	<hr/>	\$19 00
June 2, Paid Frank R. Newton,	\$1 00	
Sept. 2, Frank R. Newton,	7 00	
Oct. 7, Frank R. Newton,	1 50	
Mar. 3, Frank R. Newton,	7 00	
Mar. 22, Frank R. Newton,	1 00	
Mar. 22, Joseph L. Woods,	13 00	
Oct. 7, F. E. Cook,	16 00	
	<hr/>	\$46 50
Sumner Parker, Committee on mill-dam,	\$4 00	
Sumner Parker, committee on Munroe case,	6 00	
Sumner Parker, alteration almshouse,	10 00	
Sumner Parker, Committee on library,	5 00	
G. H. Upham, sealer weights and measures, care of Selectmen's room and drain,	14 00	
F. E. Cook, serving warrants,	4 00	
Charles A. Homer, as librarian,	50 00	
	<hr/>	\$542 20

MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSES. •

April 5, James B. Brown, sundries,	\$9 52
April 5, Charles F. Spaulding,	3 50
April 8, Clark W. Bryan & Co., printing report,	33 60
April 8, A. G. Lamb, for ringing bell,	35 00
July 1, F. E. Cook, serving warrants,	2 50
Aug, 5, H. F. Brown, for express and post- age paid,	17 71
Oct. 7, Lee & Shepard, for books for library,	48 60
Oct. 7, J. P. Webber, for abatement.	6 62
Nov. 4, J. P. Webber, tax bills,	3 00
Dec. 21, Dexter Barton, State aid,	15 00
Dec. 21, Whitney & Adams, for supplement to general statutes,	6 00
Dec. 21, Mrs. S. C. Cook, for covering books,	7 30
Dec. 21, John F. Lombard, teaming for library,	1 50

Dec. 21, H. F. Marcy, lumber for library,	\$14 63
Dec. 21, D. A. Shaw, carpenter work for library,	19 35

1879.

Jan. 6, J. P. Webber, abatements,	28
Mar. 22, G. H. Upham, paid, repairing lamp,	50
Mar. 22, First Parish, use of Hall,	50 00
Mar. 22, J. T. Brown, rent, etc.,	26 37
Mar. 22, A. L. Converse, for postage and express,	8 00
Mar. 22, Est. S. Homer, for wood,	8 00
Mar. 22, Cheney Newton, moving wood,	1 00
Jan. 6, A. L. Converse, for State aid paid,	96 00
Feb. 3, J. P. Webber, abatement,	4 20

 \$418 18

UNUSUAL EXPENSES.

1878. FOR DAMAGES ON HIGHWAYS.

Mar. 30, Amos Munroe,	\$60 00
April 1, Josiah Stebbins,	40 00

1879.

Mar. 21, Elisha W. Burr,	25 00
Mar. 21, Mary J. Burr,	50 00

1878.

April 8, Stearns, Knowlton & Long, counsel Monroe case,	31 32
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1879.

Mar. 21, Cheney Newton, expenses, etc., Burr case,	11 35
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 \$217 67

FOR CEMETERY.

1878.

Nov. 4, Ira P. Thompson, for wall,	\$69 00
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1879.

Jan. 6, Edgerton & Davis, iron caps for posts,	10 00
Jan. 6, John C. Spring, for grading,	65 06

 \$144 06

RAILING FOR HIGHWAY.

April 1, James N. Buxton,	\$60 00
July 1, Henry Blodgett,	12 37

July 1, Benjamin B. Fenton,	\$230 25	
Aug 5, Benjamin B. Fenton,	8 02	
1879.		
Jan. 6, Benjamin B. Fenton,	66 75	
	<hr/>	\$377 39

FOR TOWN HOUSE.

Aug. 12, E. C. Gardner, for plans,	\$100 00	
Aug. 12, Ira P. Thompson,	125 00	
Sept. G. M. Hitchcock, for site,	300 00	
Oct. 8, J. P. Cheney, contractor,	1,800 00	
Nov. 11, J. P. Cheney, contractor,	800 00	
Dec. 12, J. P. Cheney, contractor,	450 00	
1879.		
July 10, J. P. Cheney, contractor,	350 00	
Feb. 11, J. P. Cheney, contractor,	350 00	
Mar. 19, J. P. Cheney, contractor,	400 00	
Nov. L. E. Weeks, for grading,	7 50	
Dec. Brown & Dunham, for grading,	2 80	
Charles W. Robinson, for grading,	3 51	
A. L. Converse, paid for recording deed,	50	
Wm. Lincoln & Co., insurance,	45 00	
S. H. Skerry & Co., insurance,	30 00	
	<hr/>	\$4,764 31
April 4, Edward Bliss, wood for Selectmen's room,	\$4 50	
April 8, Clark W. Bryan & Co., Assessor's books,	2 25	
July 1, Darius Shaw & Son, watering tub,	4 00	
Oct. 7, J. S. Loomis, for refrigerator,	16 00	
1879.		
Jan. 6, Oscar F. Brown, paid for counsel and expenses,	5 96	
Jan. 6, A. L. Converse, State tax,	330 00	
Jan. 6, J. T. Brown, rent of library, etc.,	50 00	
Jan. 6, J. T. Brown, lamp, etc.,	14 02	
Mar. 3, J. L. Bowen, on town history,	45 00	
Feb. 3, Stearns, Knowlton & Long, on peti- tion for injunction,	60 00	
	<hr/>	\$531 73
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		\$6,035 16

FOR SUPPORT OF SCHOOLS.

Paid for wages and board of teachers, for fuel and care of school-houses for the year ending March 22 1879.

NAMES OF TEACHERS.	No of school	Wages, Summer Term.	Wages, Fall Term.	Wages, Winter Term.	Cost for Care of Houses.	Cost for Fuel.	Total for each School.
Fannie P. Walker,	1	\$69 75	\$00 00	\$00 00			
Emma J. Russell,	1	00 00	74 25	105 00	\$12 25	\$20 98	\$282 23
Lizzie S. Cutler,	2	69 75	00 00	00 00			
Louisa Dickinson,	2	00 00	72 00	00 00	5 50	18 00	
Sarah E. Kenney,	2	00 00	00 00	105 00			270 25
Sena J. Webber,	3	63 00	60 75	00 00	4 50		
Hattie I. Doane,	3	00 00	00 00	84 00		14 00	226 25
Minnie S. Burleigh,	4	63 00	60 75	84 00	3 00	9 00	219 75
Sarah E. Hubbard,	5	19 50	54 00	75 00	2 50	13 87	164 87
Sarah E. Kenney,	6	67 50	63 00	00 00			
Julia A. Blashtield,	6	00 00	00 00	84 00	2 00	6 00	222 50
Ruth R. Cortis,	7	63 50	00 00	00 00			63 00
Lizzie J. Traverse,	8	63 70	54 00	00 00			
Anna Scarborough,	8	00 00	00 00	66 00	2 00	12 50	197 50
	9	No	school.				
Jennie A. Janes,	10	60 00	00 00	00 00			
Augusta Tyler,	10	00 00	69 75	00 00	3 00	19 50	
Lizzie J. Traverse,	10	00 00	00 00	96 00			249 00
		\$539 25	\$508 50	\$719 00	\$34 75	\$113 85	\$1,895 35

FOR OTHER EXPENSES FOR SCHOOLS.

Paid bills for care of school-house, 1877-8,	\$11 00
J. L. Woods for postage and stationery,	1 00
Rev. W. K. Pierce for bills paid by him,	6 00
Jennie A. Janes for books,	37
Parmenter & Walker for crayons,	7 53
H. F. Brown for erasers and cup,	2 20
Sarah E. Hubbard for books,	37
Nat. Papeterie Co. for ink and demi- john,	2 85
Sena J. Webber for books,	65
E. W. Norwood for books,	32 74
J. L. Wood, for Record books,	2 50

Paid Taylor, Nichols & Co. for job lot of paper,	\$1 00	
G. M. Hitchcock for books, ink, etc.,	7 83	
Jos. L. Woods for brooms,	2 10	
J. T. Brown for crayons, etc.,	3 35	
	<hr/>	\$81 53
Total paid for support of schools,		<hr/> \$1,976 88
To this add the amount due town of Wales for schooling Ryder children,	\$6 00	
Due Austin Andrews for conveyance of scholars,	7 50	
	<hr/>	\$13 50
		<hr/> \$1,990 38
From this deduct the amount due from town of Palmer for schooling,		7 69
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Cost for resident pupils,		\$1,982 69
Appropriation for schools,	\$1,700 00	
Appropriation for conveyance, etc.,	100 00	
Town proportion of School Fund,	225 31	
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Total,		\$2,025 31
Deduct cost of schools,		1,982 69
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Balance unexpended,		\$42 62

FOR REPAIR OF SCHOOL-HOUSES.

1878.

April 1,	Paid Chester Scarborough,	\$1 00
April 8,	Fosket & Holbrook,	1 75
May 6,	Chas O. Brown, painting school-houses Nos. 6 and 10,	41 00
Nov. 4,	E. W. Norwood,	1 84

1879.

Jan. 6,	A. S. Prouty,	5 00
Jan. 6,	N. S. Powers,	1 75
Jan. 6,	E. J. Piper,	16 75
Jan. 6,	Chester Scarborough,	2 13

Jan.	6,	Paid Jos. L. Woods,	\$5 01	
Mar.	3,	E. E. Tarbell,	2 00	
Mar.	3,	Jos. L. Woods,	3 55	
Mar.	3,	G. M. Hitchcock,	38	
Mar.	3,	G. H. Upham,	85	
Mar.	21,	Fosket & Holbrook,	1 75	
			<hr/>	\$84 76

APPROPRIATIONS FOR FOREGOING.

			PAYMENTS.
For repairs of highway,	\$1,200 00		\$1,156 26
Support of bridges,	200 00		9 04
Snow paths,	200 00		105 50
Support of schools,	\$1,800 00		
Proportion of school fund,	225 31	2,025 31	1,976 88
Repair of school-houses,		150 00	84 76
Support of paupers,		1,000 00	1,780 96
Officers' salaries,		400 00	542 20
Miscellaneous expenses,		250 00	418 00
Discount on taxes,		300 00	274 61
Unusual expenses,		3,500 00	6,035 16
Dog fund,		85 92	
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Total payments,			\$12,383 37
Appropriations,			9,311 23
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Excess of payments,			\$3,072 14

COLLECTOR'S REPORT.

JAMES S. BLAIR, *Collector.* DR.

1878.

Mar. 16.	To balance being amount of certificate, 1877, uncollected,	\$738 52
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1878.

April 6,	By paid Town Treasurer,	\$200 00
June 12,	Town Treasurer,	100 00
July 1,	Town Treasurer,	100 00
Nov. 5,	Town Treasurer,	70 00

1879.

Jan. 23,	Town Treasurer,	200 00
Mar. 22,	Balance uncollected,	68 52

\$738 25

Town tax, 1877,

\$7,477 36

JONATHAN P. WEBBER, *Collector.*

Aug. 19,	By paid Town Treasurer,	\$656 62
Aug. 24,	Town Treasurer,	530 22
Aug. 31,	Town Treasurer,	330 64
Sept. 1,	Town Treasurer,	25 00
Sept. 2,	County tax,	613 23
	Discount allowed on above at	
	6 per cent.,	137 59
Oct. 4,	Town Treasurer,	75 00
Oct. 16,	Town Treasurer,	201 16
Dec. 11,	Town Treasurer,	174 16
Dec. 23,	Town Treasurer,	467 66
Dec. 30,	Town Treasurer,	1,070 12

1879.

Jan. 1,	By paid Town Treasurer,	\$1,300 55	
	Discount allowed on above at		
	4 per cent.,	137 02	
Jan. 14,	Town Treasurer,	54 20	
Feb. 4,	Town Treasurer,	193 35	
Mar. 7,	Town Treasurer,	230 36	
Mar. 15,	Town Treasurer,	170 00	
Mar. 14,	Town Treasurer,	227 64	
	Balance being amount of cer-		
	tificate of 1878 uncollected,	882 84	
		<hr/>	\$7,477 36

OVERSEERS OF POOR.

In account with the Town of Brimfield.

1878.

DR.

March 13, To Poor Farm, at appraisal,	\$4,300 00
Live stock, at appraisal,	667 00
Hay and grain, at appraisal,	262 35
Provisions, at appraisal,	184 59
Farming tools and wood,	241 50
Household furniture,	232 86

1879.

March 18, To one year's interest on above,	353 29
Cash advanced and orders paid on account of Almshouse,	1,471 07
Amount due B. G. Webster, for bills paid,	11 18
Amount due B. G. Webster, for salary,	400 00
Amount received of town of Mon- son for Ryder family,	10 79
	————— \$8,134 63

OVERSEERS OF POOR.

1879.

CR.

March 18, By poor farm as appraised this day,	\$4,300 00
Live stock, as appraised this day,	650 00
Hay and Grain,	238 05
Provisions,	209 84
Farming tools,	236 10
Household furniture,	232 86

Cash received for shingles sold,	\$12 25	
Cash received from town of Charl-		
ton for support of Mary		
B. Allen,	2 57	
Balance being the amount paid		
for repair of buildings, new		
hog-house, and support of		
the poor,	2,252 96	
	<hr/>	\$8,134 63
From this balance,		2,252 96
Deduct the expense paid for the support of poor		
out of the Almshouse, viz :		
Town of Monson, for Mrs. S. J. Works,	\$3 00	
For O. Kenfield and family,	17 40	
Northampton hospital, for Mrs. Bradley,	183 50	
For George Needham,	23 22	
For Mary B. Allen,	2 57	
Town of Wilbraham, for Mrs. Colegrove, 1877-8,	45 76	
Town of Wilbraham, and other bills for Mrs Cole-		
grove and family,	109 47	
For E. L. Hitchcock,	8 00	
Town of Monson, for Works boy,	29 00	
For McQueen family,	62 30	
Mrs. J. W. Brown,	28 83	
Edward Clark,	38 00	
Ryder family,	9 04	
Durant family,	8 14	
S. Crossman and family,	3 30	
Lashaway family,	2 56	
Various expenses for above,	22 39	
Hog-house and repairs,	265 00	
Insurance,	66 00	
	<hr/>	\$926 48
Balance, being the amount it has cost to support		
the poor at the Almshouse,		\$1,326 48
Average number at Almshouse, $15\frac{1}{2}$.		
Number of weeks board furnished, 792.		
Cost of each week's board, \$1.674+.		
Cost of each week's board after deducting interest on farm and		
stock, \$1.228+.		

Inventory of personal property at Almshouse, March 18, 1879.

1 horse,	\$90 00	
1 yoke oxen,	175 00	
12 cows,	330 00	
1 farrow cow,	20 00	
4 shoats, 400 lbs.,	24 00	
22 hens,	112 00	
12 tons English hay,	180 00	
5 tons meadow hay,	20 00	
1½ tons rye straw,	9 00	
25 bushels corn,	17 50	
15 bushels rye,	10 50	
100 lbs. meal,	1 05	
Farming tools and wqod,	236 10	
Provisions,	209 84	
Household Furniture,	232 86	
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Total,		\$1,566 85
Inventory, March 13, 1878,		1,588 30
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Difference,		\$21 45

TREASURER'S REPORT.



A. L. Converse in account with the Town of Brimfield.

DR.

1878.

March 14.	To balance of settlement,	\$2,858 39
26.	Cash received of Palmer for schooling,	34 79
April 12.	Cash received of Monson for schooling,	11 92
June 17.	Amount received J. S. Blair, note and interest,	708 98
Nov. 20.	Amount received O. A. Blashfield on account,	21 00
Dec. 10.	Amount received for Corpora- tion tax,	33 64
	Amount received for Bank tax,	513 68
	Amount received State Aid reimbursed,	96 50

1879.

Jan. 6.	Amount received for shingles sold from Poor farm,	12 25
25.	Amount received proportion School Fund,	225 31
Feb. 4.	Amount received from Dog Fund,	81 31
	Amount received Wm. H. Shaw for rent school- house,	7 00

March 22.	To Amount received Town of Charlton,	\$2 57
	Amount received Wm. M. Vallette,	28 50
Oct. 8.	Amount borrowed of Palmer Savings Bank,	2,000 00
Nov. 1.	Amount borrowed of Palmer Savings Bank,	500 00
11.	Amount borrowed of Palmer Savings Bank,	800 00
Dec. 12.	Amount borrowed of Palmer Savings Bank,	450 00
	Amount received of James S. Blair on certificate of 1877,	670 00
	Amount received of Jona- than P. Webber, certificate of 1878,	5,707 68
		<hr/> \$14,762 52

PAYMENTS.

1878.		
April 1.	By loaned, J. S. Blair on note,	\$700 00
1879.		
Jan. 1.	Paid Palmer Savings Bank interest on note,	37 64
	Paid orders for repairs of highways,	1,156 26
	Paid orders for repairs of bridges,	9 04
	Paid orders for snow paths,	105 50
	Paid orders for support of schools,	1,976 88
	Paid orders for repairs on school-houses	84 76
	Paid orders for support of paupers,	1,780 96
	Paid orders for officers sal- aries,	542 20

Jan. 1.	Paid orders for miscella- neous purposes,	\$418 18
	Paid orders for unusual ex- penses,	6,035 16
	Balance, cash in the hand of the Treasurer,	1,915 94
		————— \$14,762 52

LIABILITIES OF THE TOWN.

1879.

March 22,	Due May 1, for ringing bell,	\$25 00
	Dog fund not appropriated,	81 31
	James S. Blair, Collector,	40 00
	Jonathan P. Webber, Collector,	50 00
	Austin Andrews,	7 50
	Town of Wales, for schooling,	6 00
	Palmer Savings Bank;	3,750 00
	B. G. Webster, on account,	11 58
	B. G. Webster, for salary,	400 00
	J. P. Cheney, estimated,	600 00
	E. C. Gardner, estimated,	30 00
	For other bills not reported, esti- mated,	250 00
	Furnishing Town Hall, esti- mated,	600 00
		————— \$5,851 39

ASSETS.

1879.

March 22,	Cash in the hands of Treasurer,	\$1,915 94
	Due from State, for soldiers' aid,	111 00
	Due from O. A. Blashfield, esti- mated,	68 00
	Due from Palmer, for schooling,	7 69
	Due for taxes, uncollected, J. S. Blair,	68 52
	Due for taxes, uncollected, J. P. Webber,	882 84
	Due from State on Pauper Ac- count,	80 20

March 22. Cash in book agency,	\$47 89	
Books on hand,	52 29	
Balance being the amount of		
Town debt,	2,617 02	
	<hr/>	\$5,851 39
Last year the town had a balance over liabilities of		\$3,149 88
This year a debt of		2,617 02
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Excess of expenditures over appropriations,		\$5,766 90

Submitted by

HENRY F. BROWN.	} <i>Auditing Committee.</i>
ARTHUR B. BROWN,	
EDWARD H. MORGAN,	

REPORT

OF THE

SCHOOL COMMITTEE

OF THE

TOWN OF BRIMFIELD,

For 1878-9.



SPRINGFIELD, MASS.:
THE CLARK W. BRYAN COMPANY, PRINTERS.
1879.

SCHOOL REPORT.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

School Committee of the Town of Brimfield
in account with Town of Brimfield,

	<i>Dr.</i>	<i>Cr.</i>
Amount appropriated for support of schools,	\$1,700 00	
Amount appropriated for conveying scholars to and from school,	100 00	
Income of school fund,	225 31	
Teachers wages,		\$1,753 12
Austin Andrews, for conveying grandson to and from school,		7 50
Fuel for schools,		116 10
Care of fires and school houses,		30 00
Books of reference, text books, etc.,		32 78
Unexpended balance,		85 81
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	\$2,025 31	\$2,025 31
Amount appropriated for repairs,	\$150 00	
Amount expended for repairs,		\$87 26
Unexpended balance,		62 74
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	\$150 00	\$150 00

Amount expended for supplies not provided for by special appropriation, \$28.23.

The amount expended for books of reference, etc., was taken from the income of the school fund, one-fourth of which may be used for such purposes.

By vote of the town any portion of the appropriation for conveying scholars to and from school, not needed for that purpose, could be used by the Committee for support of schools.

In the limited space given them your Committee cannot give a detailed report of the condition of the public schools or of the nature and extent of the work done in them. They can only present, in a general way, some statements which will aid you to understand something of what has been accomplished in the schools during the past year, and of their plans and purposes with reference to them. Eight schools have been maintained with 245 different pupils and an average of 167. This average is small. We would urge upon parents the importance of sending their children to school regularly. You may need them at home, but you are unjust to them if you deprive them of the privileges of the school. Every teacher knows that if a scholar is absent for a single day it is a loss to him and an injury to others. Every parent should understand this and co-operate with the teachers in securing punctuality of attendance. The schools have been kept in the aggregate 246 weeks or an average of 30 weeks. The expense of the schools including wages of teachers, fuel, care of buildings, books, transportation and repairs, is \$2,026.76 or \$148.55 less than the amount at the disposal of the Committee for the above purposes. The average wages of the teachers during the summer term were \$27.77 per month, during the fall \$27.87, during the winter 29.12.

It must be borne in mind that the teachers receive their wages for only $7\frac{1}{2}$ months and not for the entire year. If the highest average or \$29.12 had been paid for this time, the total for the year would have been \$218.40 or an average of \$18.20 per month for each of the 12 months of the year; deducting from this the amount paid for board at the rate of \$4.00 per week, which has been paid by one of the teachers at least, and it leaves a monthly balance of \$2.20; at \$3.00 a week for board the balance would be \$6.20 per month or \$1.55 per week. Making proper allowance for books, traveling expenses, etc., and

it must certainly appear that the Committee do not pay the teachers unreasonable wages. They have adopted the plan of regulating the wages by the size of the school and the skill and experience of the teachers. Two have received during the winter term \$35.00 per month, one \$32.00, three \$28.00, one \$25.00 and one \$22.00.

The expense of the schools for the year, including all supplies, repairs and salaries of School Committee has been \$8.70 per scholar, or a total of \$2,148.99. Excluding special supplies, repairs and amount paid School Committee, \$7.85 per scholar or a total of \$1,939.50.

The expense of maintaining the schools in small towns will of course be relatively greater per scholar than in large places; for teachers must be employed for the small schools and in many cases the wages paid must be as much as they would be if the school was large. By examination of the annual report of the Board of Education for 1878, which contains a large amount of valuable information, it will be seen that Brimfield is 258 in the list showing the comparative amount of money appropriated for schools by the different towns in the State. In 1877 she was 232. By the table giving the numerical arrangement according to percentage of taxable property she stands 129. The total number of towns reported is 344. These tables, however, hardly do the town justice, for our standing is based upon an appropriation of \$1,700.00, when in reality a considerable portion of the \$100.00 appropriated for transporting scholars has been at the disposal of the Committee.

The Committee have endeavored during the year, as far as possible without infringing upon the rights of the teachers, to identify themselves with the schools. They have held meetings from time to time, at which lessons have been given by them and by the teachers, questions relating to school work discussed, plans for the improve-

ment of the schools considered, and various efforts made to secure uniformity of work.

They have visited the school not simply as spectators, but to ascertain whether the teachers, in their judgment, were doing a good work. They have taken charge of the schools at times and have sought to interest the teachers in natural and direct methods of imparting instruction in various branches. They have devised ways for economizing time and avoiding waste. They have encouraged and criticised. The teachers have almost invariably received their suggestions kindly, and in many cases have acted upon them with good results.

During the past winter Mr. E. A. Hubbard, agent of the Board of Education visited some of our schools by invitation of the Committee, and subsequently met the teachers for Institute work. With his large experience, progressive tendencies and knowledge and skill as an educator he has been able to excite an interest in our school work that cannot fail to be valuable and lasting. He was requested to report the results of his observations, and make criticisms upon the work. In reply he says, "one thing which was particularly noticeable, was the manner of reciting. The recitations were conducted not by questions from the book; nor from the teacher even; but it was assumed that the pupil understood the subject, and he proceeded to unfold it." "Another thing was the uniformity of method in the various schools, a thing rarely found save in schools under a superintendent and not always then." He asks the question in way of criticism "whether the teaching requiring exact definitions, etc., in Arithmetic and Grammar was not carried too far for children of the age of those he saw."

However well the Committee may plan for the successful working of the schools, the real efficiency of the work must depend, in a great measure upon the teachers. It is a mistaken idea, which often leads to sad consequences

that any one who has a good education is qualified to teach.

There are many engaged in the work who have no real appreciation of what they are attempting to do, and as a result their work is very imperfect, if it is not a complete failure. There are only a few, comparatively, who have natural qualities fitting them to be excellent teachers; and even these must have had special instruction or wide experience before they can be very successful. There are many who seem to have no disposition to inform themselves in regard to their work. They pursue a certain routine for the six hours they are in the school-room, and then cast aside all responsibility. Their work is not intelligent, and has no life or power in it.

There are others who are willing and anxious even to do well; but they have no faculty to use the instruments that are given them. They may visit a good school and see how the work is done there; but when they attempt to do it themselves, they fail. They will always be mechanical, never bright and original.

Others still are ignorant, but ambitious, they will make good teachers in time; but if they are employed, it must be for their good and not the highest good of the school. A noted oculist was asked how he acquired such marvelous skill? "by spoiling a bushel of eyes" was his reply. We cannot estimate the amount of injury done to our schools by the employment of inexperienced teachers. If the powers of the youthful mind are to be developed and cultivated, and the child led up into an appreciation of that which is strong and good, it is unwise to employ for this work those who may perhaps sometimes, under favorable circumstances, become good teachers; but who are known now to be unlearned in the simplest principles of the teachers' art.

Mr. Stone, superintendent of schools in Springfield, says, "special preparation is one of the first importance.

If the physician or the lawyer, or the commander of a ship needs a peculiar training for his business, so the teacher whose business is with the human mind and faculties, needs proper exercise of the mind, and a peculiar course of study and training in order to perform his work successfully. Men do not trust their watches to be repaired, or their horses to be shod to men who are incompetent for lack of training to perform those tasks. Much less should they entrust the care and training of their children to those who are not properly prepared to draw out their faculties."

There is no duty which your Committee have to perform more delicate, or which requires more care and judgment than the selection of teachers. They have been unable often to pay good teachers enough to secure their services, or to retain them after they have once been employed. There have been fifteen different teachers employed in the schools during the past year. These changes are prejudicial, of course, to the best interests of the school, and render it almost impossible to successfully carry out any plan of work. We trust the voters of the town will be as liberal as they can with their schools. It is a false economy which cripples this interest. If you are dissatisfied with the schools turn out your Committee and put in men upon whose judgment you can rely; but do not begin by compelling them to reduce the wages of the teachers when they now find it so hard to secure and retain those of skill and experience.

It is not the purpose of our public schools to give children a technical education; but a general fitness for the work of life, that they may become intelligent, useful, and law-abiding citizens. The work must be elementary, and yet thorough, systematic, and sufficiently comprehensive to meet the needs of the children in the mass. It does not consist simply in imparting a certain amount of knowledge, but in awakening the mind to a healthy

activity; in developing and cultivating the moral sense, and in the formation of correct habits of thought and action. All men and women, whatever their occupations in life, need the power to gain the thoughts of others through the printed page, hence reading has an important place in every school course. We have no disposition to conceal the fact that in some of our schools we have too many poor readers. It seems that reading has not been well taught at times. It is certain that our reading books—which are not by any means excellent—have become so familiar that they excite little or no interest.

One of our best teachers said a few days since, “what shall I do? my scholars know every piece in the reading-book by heart, and yet they know hardly three-quarters of the words. I cannot teach them to read well unless I can have something new, fresh and interesting.” At times we have purchased a small amount of reading matter, and put it in our schools with good results. We believe that if this was done to a greater extent we should have better readers in the schools. During the year some of the teachers have combined the word and phonetic methods of instruction with excellent success.

The study of language should begin as soon as the child enters upon his school work—indeed, as soon as he begins to speak—and be continued by a careful development as long as he remains in the school. The first lessons should be very simple, going no further, perhaps, than the mere correction of false expressions. The subsequent lessons should be adapted to the age and capability of the scholars, and given in such a way that they shall understand clearly what they mean, and make a practical use of them. If much of the time that is spent in teaching immature scholars the technicalities of English Grammar was devoted to teaching them how to express their thoughts orally and in writing, we believe the result would be more satisfactory.

Many scholars leave school after having studied grammar for terms, unable to write a fair letter even. The arrangement is bad, the spelling poor. Capitals and punctuation points are disregarded. The writing is cramped and irregular, the expression incorrect, the whole work lacks neatness, system and exactness of execution. The dogmas of Grammar have been relied on for generations to teach "speaking and writing correctly;" but the experiment has signally failed, and educators have at last come to the conclusion that the best way to learn to do a thing is *to do it*; and the study of language is now pursued in some of the best schools of the State with success. We find that it will require time and earnest effort to secure the best results in our schools. After a careful examination of several language text-books we have adopted "Swinton's Language Lessons" and placed it in the hands of our pupils at the expense of a small fund at our disposal for such purposes. The work accomplished by its use has not been quite satisfactory in any one school. The tendency has been to make too prominent the theoretical or technical portions to the neglect of the practical work suggested by the author. The use of the book, however, has already led to good results, in securing uniformity of work in the schools, and where our teachers have caught something of the spirit of the author and made the work of instruction their own, there has been gratifying improvement. Guided by the advice and experience of others, a few years since we advised a change in teaching spelling. Seeing no good reason to deny the assertion that any one is practically a good speller who can write correctly all the words he is able to use, and knowing that the chief use of spelling is found in writing, we introduced the practice of writing in connection with the daily lessons of the school. It is not an uncommon thing for pupils properly taught to copy sentences from a book, or express their own thoughts

legibly in script before the close of the first year of school. There should be frequent written exercises carefully conducted in connection with all the studies of the school.

Long continued observation and experience have convinced the committee that too much has been attempted in the study of arithmetic at too early an age. Pupils begin the study on first entering school, and continue it for years in the vain attempt to learn all that an author has put into a Text book. Their apparent progress is often all or more than could be desired, and the Committee often find them attempting to do work too difficult for their age and condition of mental development, and in the end they do not seem to acquire the mathematical culture which ought to be reasonably expected.

We believe that capable teachers will not find it necessary to pass rapidly over principles in order to keep scholars interested in their work. There are many ways in which by a little labor they may vary the exercises so that scholars may have sufficient variety, and yet perform work that they can readily understand, that will train them to be neat and systematic and give them power to perform computations with accuracy and some degree of readiness. We believe that equal mental discipline and much greater proficiency could be secured by cutting off many of the subjects that are now treated of in our Arithmetics, and spending more time upon the fundamental principles and those that will be of practical use in the business of life. The study of Geography, when properly pursued is very interesting and profitable; but when scholars are obliged to sit down and learn lesson after lesson from the book, getting a mass of knowledge, the acquisition of which furnishes little mental discipline and much of which they will not retain, it becomes a dry and almost profitless study. There is need of much improvement in the methods of instruction in this branch; though some of our teachers are doing very good work. Some

excellent suggestions are given in the last report of the secretary of the Board of Education upon this and other branches of study.

Singing and drawing should not occupy very much time, and yet they should have a place in the work of every school.

They furnish variety, and the scholars, as a rule, enjoy the exercises if they are properly conducted. Moreover the discipline and culture which these studies afford will be of much value.

The one trains the eye to nice perceptions and the hand to careful execution, and may be made a very practical study. The other gives a power which will furnish much enjoyment and satisfaction. Combined with the general school work there should be much oral teaching, in other branches. In all the work that is done the teacher should strive to make the minds of the scholars fountains and not reservoirs simply ; to instruct in such a way that as the children gain knowledge they shall gain power. The moral element has an *important* place in all school work, and no teacher performs her duty who does not seek to impress upon her scholars the importance of doing right.

We would urge parents to visit the schools more frequently. You can learn in this way better than in any other what your children are doing.

Our schools are not what we would like to have them, and yet much good work has been done during the year, and some of the teachers are deserving of the highest praise for the faithfulness, patience and wisdom with which they have discharged their duties. The Spring term will begin April 21 ; the Fall term September 1 ; the Winter term December 1.

Respectfully submitted,

JOS. L. WOODS,
E. W. NORWOOD, } *School Committee.*
W. K. PEIRCE,

BRIMFIELD, MASS., March, 1879.

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SELECTMEN'S REPORT.

Report of the receipts and expenditures of the town of Brimfield for the year ending, March 20, 1880.

We have drawn 236 orders on the town treasurer, and paid by him as follows :

PAYMENTS FOR REPAIRS OF HIGHWAYS.

1879.

June 2,	John C. Spring,	\$79 68	
July 7,	John C. Spring,	88 45	
Oct. 6,	John C. Spring,	51 58	
Oct. 6,	John C. Spring,	39 41	
Dec. 1,	John C. Spring,	9 44	
			\$268 56

May 5,	Orus E. Parker,	\$58 20	
July 7,	Orus E. Parker,	42 65	
Oct. 6,	Orus E. Parker,	67 07	
Dec. 1,	Orus E. Parker,	8 40	

1880.

March 1,	Orus E. Parker,	50	
			176 82

1879.

June 2,	John Shanley,	\$63 30	
July 7,	John Shanley,	40 50	
Nov. 3,	John Shanley,	18 00	
			121 80

July 7,	Benjamin G. Webster,	\$85 65	
Dec. 1,	Benjamin G. Webster,	1 50	
			87 15

July 7,	Wilber G. Parker,	\$173 64	
			173 64

July 7,	Moses H. Baker,	\$95 65	
Sept. 1,	Moses H. Baker,	24 74	
Nov. 3,	Moses H. Baker,	40 85	

Dec. 1, Moses H. Baker,	\$8 70	
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July 14, Byron W. Charles,		134 77
April 5, Milo S. Booth,		2 61
May 5, Wm. Bennett,		3 15
July 7, Porter A. Parker,		50
1880.		
Jan. 5, James N. Buxton,		7 05
March 1, Wm. B. Fenton,		3 00
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Total expenditures for highways.		\$1,148 99

SUPPORT OF BRIDGES.

1879.

April 5, Foskitt & Holbrook,	\$122 32
April 7, Austin Andrews,	2 00
May 1, E. B. & H. A. Webber, for plank,	71 01
July, 7, Wilber G. Parker,	4 46
Sept' 1, F. A. Jenison, for stringers,	14 00
Nov. 3, Levi W. Emerson,	4 00
Dec. 1, James N. Buxton,	5 95
Dec. 1, Moses H. Baker,	17 11

1880.

Jan. 5, E. B. Webber,	3 25
Jan. 5, Town of Palmer,	231 73

Total,

\$475 83

SNOW PATHS.

1879.

April 5, Edwin A. Janes,	\$9 84
April 5, Roger Sherman,	1 82
April 7, John Shanley,	16 05
April 7, B. B. Fenton,	1 50
April 7, M. H. Baker,	1 35
April 7, Newton S. Hubbard,	3 04
May 5, Wm. Bennett,	6 00
July 7, Porter A. Parker,	1 50

1880.

March 1, Orus E. Parker,	5 70
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March 1, John C. Spring,	\$9 67	
Mar. 15, B. G. Webster,	3 90	
Mar. 17, M. H. Baker,	9 63	
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Total,		\$70 00

OFFICERS' SALARIES.

1879.

April 5, James S. Blair, collector 1877,	\$40 00
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1878.

SELECTMEN.

April 7, Moses H. Baker,	13 00
April 7, Cheney Newton,	28 00
April 7, Charles F. Spaulding,	15 25
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	\$56 25

SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

May 5, Joseph L. Woods, 1878,	\$61 50
March 1, Oscar F. Brown, 1879,	12 00
Mar. 15, Webster K. Pierce, 1879,	15 00
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	\$88 50

ASSESSORS.

Dec. 1, Oscar F. Brown,	\$23 00
Dec. 1, Sanford Booth,	23 00
Dec. 1, Edward H. Morgan,	26 00
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	\$72 00

1879.

SEXTON.

June 2, F. E. Cook,	\$25 00
Oct. 6, F. E. Cook,	10 00
1880.	
Jan. 5, F. E. Cook,	9 40
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	\$44 40

1879.

OVERSEERS OF POOR.

April 7, F. E. Cook,	\$10 50
1880.	
Jan. 5, F. E. Cook,	21 75

Jan. 5, E. W. Hitchcock,	\$17 50	
Jan. 5, Elijah Allen,	12 25	
	<hr/>	\$62 00
1879.	TOWN CLERK.	
Oct. 6, H. F. Brown, recording births, marriages and deaths, 1878-9	\$23 00	
1880.		
Mar. 17, H. F. Brown, recording births, marriages and deaths, 1879-80,	18 20	
	<hr/>	\$41 20
Oct. 6, Henry F. Brown, auditor 1879.	\$12 00	
Dec. 1, Charles A. Homer, librarian,	37 50	
Mar. 17, Charles A. Homer, "	12 50	
April 7, F. E. Cook, truant officer,	2 00	
1880.		
Jan. 5, F. E. Cook, serving selectmen's warrants,	5 00	
1879.		
Sept. 1, J. P. Webber, collecting taxes 1878,	50 00	
	<hr/>	\$119 00

MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSES.

April 5, Henry F. Brown, bal. work Library,	\$18 35
April 5, James S. Blair, abatement taxes, 1877,	40 63
April 5, Cheney Newton, wood and sundries,	7 00
April 7, F. E. Cook, mowing cemetery,	3 00
April 7, E. B. Webber, carting settees,	3 00
May 5, J. L. Woods, postage and stationery,	75
May 5, A. G. Lamb, tolling and ringing bell,	22 50
May 5, G. H. Upham, sealer of weights, etc.,	3 50
June 2, J. L. Woods, brick and drinking cup,	49
June 2, G. M. Hitchcock, school books,	3 53
June 2, A. W. Pierson, care of town house,	1 50
June 2, C. I. Burley, school books,	1 93
June 2, J. P. Webber, abatement taxes, 1878,	14 70
July 7, E. W. Potter, repairs of hearse, etc.,	5 50
July 7, Needham Moulton, cleaning windows, etc.,	1 95
July 7, Clark W. Bryan Co., printing reports,	41 00
July 7, Taylor, Nichols & Co., paper for schools,	2 18
July 14, P. F. Spaulding, road scraper,	115 00

Aug. 4,	A. W. Pierson, work on town house,	\$1 78
Aug. 4,	N. Moulton, care of town house,	12 50
Sept. 1,	New England Furnishing Co., books and crayons,	9 88
Sept. 1,	Melvin & Goodhue, printing tax bills,	3 00
Sept. 1,	A. L. Converse, insurance on school-house No. 2,	22 50
Sept. 1,	Raymond & Rich, blinds, town house,	41 00
Sept. 1,	J. P. Webber, abatement of taxes, 1878,	61 16
Sept. 1,	J. P. Webber, abatement of taxes, 1878, on estate of John Ratigan,	12 06
Sept. 1,	J. P. Webber, abatement of L. K. Ful- ler's tax, 1879,	5 94
Oct. 6,	Henry F. Brown, miscellaneous,	3 53
Oct. 6,	D. A. Moulton, posts, town farm,	8 00
Oct. 6,	H. A. Webber, lumber, town farm, etc.,	10 77
Oct. 6,	J. B. Brown, expenses going to Spring- field on account of town house,	21 52
Nov. 3,	L. W. Emerson, railing,	1 05
Dec. 1,	S. J. Webber, books,	1 09
Dec. 1,	Lee & Shepard, books for library,	85 81
Dec. 1,	G. M. Hitchcock, town house account,	36 26
Dec. 1,	T. J. Morgan, timber for belfry, and ex- penses to Springfield,	13 00
Dec. 1,	E. E. Tarbell, fixing bell at town house, rings and staples for hitching posts,	12 25
Dec. 1,	D. W. Janes, committee on school-house,	10 00
Jan. 5,	J. T. Brown, rent of library room, and ink, oil, matches, paper, etc.,	51 99
Jan. 5,	N. Moulton, care of town house,	25 00
Jan. 5,	A. L. Converse, state aid,	82 00
Jan. 5,	A. L. Converse, abatement taxes,	11 80
Jan. 5,	Taylor, Nichols & Co., ink,	1 50
Jan. 5,	J. L. Shorey, <i>Nursery and Child's Monthly</i> ,	1 00
Feb. 2,	Wm. Ware & Co., school books,	41 83
Mar. 1,	G. H. Upham, hanging screens,	50
Mar. 1,	G. M. Hitchcock, school supplies,	5 68
Mar. 1,	George Sherman, dictionary,	8 00
Mar. 1,	J. L. Woods, expense to Boston, etc.,	8 05

Mar. 1,	Wm. C. Blashfield, shavings,	\$1 00
Mar. 1,	O. F. Brown, one dozen brooms,	2 00
Mar. 1,	E. A. Janes, wood for town house,	4 50
Mar.15,	G. M. Hitchcock, oil, etc., town house,	3 25
Mar.15,	A. L. Converse, expressage, postage, etc,	10 00
Mar.15,	Milo S. Booth, conveying scholars,	8 00
Mar.15,	A. L. Converse, state tax,	165 00
Mar.15,	N. Moulton, care of town house, etc.,	14 75
Mar.15,	J. F. Converse, oil, tumbler and chimney,	1 32
Mar.15,	O. A. Blashfield, wood, town house,	40 00
Mar.15,	P. A. Parker, committee on town house,	15 39
Mar.17,	Clark W. Bryan Co., printing school re- ports,	12 00
Mar.17,	H. F. Brown, express, postage, etc.,	8 06
Mar.17,	G. M. Hitchcock, school books,	66

UNUSUAL EXPENSES.

1879.

May 5,	A. L. Converse, balance on town house and furnishing the same,	\$1,257 19
June 2,	G. H. Rand, damage,	20 00
June 2,	A. L. Converse, cash paid on account of new school-house,	200 00
June 2,	F. E. Kenney, lumber, school-house No. 2,	84 00
June 2,	A. L. Converse, fixing and hanging bell,	79 13
June 2,	A. L. Converse, paid Charlton band,	45 00
June 2,	B. W. Charles, paid orator Decoration day,	5 00
July 7,	G. H. Upham, building fence, etc.,	2 55
July 14,	E. Howard & Co., clock for town house,	50 00
July 14,	A. L. Converse, chandelier and labor,	8 00
Sept. 1,	J. C. Spring, grading at cemetery,	38 52
Oct. 6,	F. Boiles, jr., cut of town house,	23 00
Oct. 6,	F. E. Cook, committee school-house No. 2,	5 05
Oct. 6,	J. B. Brown, to Springfield on Burr case,	3 00
Nov. 3,	W. A. Gilbert, building and repairing fence,	77 31

Nov. 3,	A. W. Pierson, varnish and work on blinds at town house,	\$8 11
Nov. 3,	J. Harvey, labor on blinds and windows at town house,	8 52
Nov. 3,	A. L. Converse, hanging blinds at town house,	7 70
Nov. 3,	J. T. Brown, oil and varnish for blinds,	6 29
Dec. 1,	N. Moulton, fixing stove and pipe,	2 40
Dec. 1,	W. H. Shaw, committee and expenses town house,	7 00
Dec. 1,	W. A. Gilbert, painting cemetery fence,	50 00
Dec. 1,	B. W. Charles, grading at No. 2,	4 05
Dec. 1,	Harvey Janes, grading at No. 2,	75 79
Dec. 1,	N. F. Robinson, committee on No. 2, etc.,	7 80
Dec. 1,	B. G. Webster, grading front of cemetery,	21 60
Dec. 1,	A. L. Converse, expenses, town house,	16 10
Dec. 1,	W. N. Hitchcock, grading front cemetery,	10 80
Dec. 1,	J. Leno, grading front cemetery,	5 40
Dec. 1,	F. E. Gleason, surveying town lines,	16 00
Dec. 1,	M. H. Baker, furnishing and setting monuments,	10 10
Jan. 5,	G. H. Upham, labor on town house,	8 95
Jan. 5,	A. W. Pierson, painting school-house No. 2,	53 50
Jan. 5,	M. H. Baker, monument and setting,	2 50
Feb. 2,	J. P. Cheney, blinds for town house,	10 00
Mar. 1,	W. Hall, monuments.	2 00
Mar. 15,	Naylor & Co., bell, town house,	227 69
Mar. 15,	A. L. Converse, on act. town history,	1,014 25
Mar. 15,	A. L. Converse, on act. school house No. 2,	1,505 02
Mar. 15,	A. L. Roper, damage to carriage,	6 00
Mar. 17,	Cheney Bigelow Wire Works, wire window screens, No. 1,	10 00
Mar. 17,	H. F. Brown, attending hearing South-end bridge at Springfield, and expenses,	10 00

FOR SUPPORT OF SCHOOLS.

Paid for wages and board of teachers, for fuel and care of school-houses for the year ending March 20, 1880 :

NAMES OF TEACHERS	No. of School.	Wages, Summer Term,	Wages, Fall Term,	Wages, Winter Term.	Cost for Care of School-houses.	Cost for Fuel.	Total for each School.
Emma J. Russell,	1	\$72 00					
Ellen E. Donkersley,	1		\$72 00	\$96 00			
Jennie Thayer,	1	10 00			\$7 90	\$15 25	
Alice Bacon,	1		21 00				\$294 15
Sarah E. Kenney,	2	64 00	80 00				
Julia Blashfield,	2			96 00	4 50	15 00	259 50
Hattie I. Doan,	3	63 00	63 00				
George Sherman,	3			78 00	5 00	10 75	219 75
S. J. Webber,	4	58 50	58 50				
Louis S. Brown,	4			58 50	3 00	10 00	188 50
S. E. Hubbard,	5	54 00	54 00				
S. J. Webber,	5			75 00	2 00	10 25	195 25
Anna Scarborough,	6	49 50	49 50				
S. E. Kenney,	6			45 00	2 00	8 10	154 10
	7	No	school.				
Carrie M. Smith,	8			66 00	2 00	8 00	76 00
	9	No	school.				
L. J. Traverse,	10	67 50	67 50	90 00	2 50	15 75	243 25
Total, all Schools,							\$1 630 50

FOR OTHER EXPENSES FOR SCHOOLS.

G. M. Hitchcock for books for No. 2,	\$3 53	
C. I. Burley, books and ink,	1 93	
Taylor, Nichols & Co., paper,	2 18	
New England Furnishing Co., books and crayons,	9 88	
Sena J. Webber, for books,	1 09	
Taylor, Nichols & Co., ink,	1 50	
John L. Shorey, Nursery and Child's Paper,	1 00	
J. L. Woods, school supplies,	8 05	
O. F. Brown, brooms,	2 00	
Milo S. Booth, for conveyance of scholars,	8 00	
Due A. Andrews, for conveyance of scholars,	8 00	
		\$47 16
Total paid for support of schools,		\$1,677 66

Appropriation for schools,	\$1,600 00	
Appropriation for conveyance,	100 00	
Town proportion of school fund,	224 46	
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Total,		\$1,924 46
Deduct cost of schools,		1,677 66
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Balance Unexpended,		\$246 80

FOR REPAIRS OF SCHOOL-HOUSES.

April 5, A. G. Squires, cleaning clock No. 1,	\$1 00	
June 2, J. L. Woods, repairs on school-houses,	54 50	
Oct. 6, F. H. Potter, mason-work on school-house No. 3,	20 00	
Dec. 1, James N. Buxton, drawing sand and water, No. 3,	2 00	
1880.		
Jan. 5, Foskitt & Holbrook, lime, hair and plaster, No. 3,	3 20	
Jan. 5, J. L. Woods, repairs and furnishing school-house,	6 50	
Feb. 2, James Harvey, building privy for school-house No. 10,	13 11	
Feb. 2, George H. Upham, labor and material on school-house,	14 00	
March 1, J. L. Woods paid Morgan for laths,	1 45	
March 1, O. F. Brown, work on school-house No. 3,	4 00	
Mar. 17, John F. Lombard, drawing privy to district No. 10,	1 00	
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Total,		\$120 76

COLLECTOR'S REPORT.

JAMES S. BLAIR, *Collector.* DR.

1878.

Mar. 22, To balance, being amount of certificate
1877, uncollected, \$68 52

1879.

March 5, Interest collected on taxes, 1877, 33 73
\$102 25

CR.

April 5, By balance, being amount of certificate of 1877, \$102 25

JONATHAN P. WEBBER, *Collector.* DR.

1879.

March 22. To balance, being amount of certificate, 1878, uncollected, \$882 84

CR.

April 12,	By paid Town Treasurer,	\$160 00	
May 16,	Town Treasurer,	111 45	
July 10,	Town Treasurer,	130 00	
Aug. 12,	Town Treasurer,	300 00	
Aug. 16,	Town Treasurer,	181 39	
			\$882 84

JONATHAN P. WEBBER, *Collector.*

CR.

Aug. 12,	By paid Town Treasurer,	\$451 22
Aug. 16,	Town Treasurer,	251 45
Aug. 23,	Town Treasurer,	340 00
Aug. 26,	Town Treasurer,	464 27
Aug. 30,	Town Treasurer,	571 78

Sept. 1,	Town Treasurer,	\$500 00	
Sept. 1,	Town Treasurer,	549 02	
Sept. 1,	County Tax,	525 09	
	Discount allowed on above at		
	6 per cent.,	233 15	
Oct. 28,	Town Treasurer,	145 00	
Nov. 27,	Town Treasurer,	350 14	
Dec. 8,	Town Treasurer,	200 00	
Dec. 24,	Town Treasurer,	540 00	
Dec. 30,	Town Treasurer,	608 00	
1880.			
Jan. 1,	By paid Town Treasurer,	1,548 56	
	Discount on above at 4 per		
	cent.,	141 32	
Jan. 10,	Town Treasurer,	50 00	
Feb. 2,	Town Treasurer,	165 00	
Mar. 15,	Town Treasurer,	300 00	
Mar. 20,	Amount collected,		7,934 00
	Balance uncollected,		1,017 58
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	Amount of Tax for 1879,		\$8,951 58

OVERSEERS OF THE POOR.

In account with the Town of Brimfield.

1879.

Dr.

March 18, To Poor Farm, at appraisal,	\$4,300 00
Live stock,	650 00
Hay and grain,	238 05
Provisions,	209 84
Farming tools,	236 10
Household furniture,	232 86

1880.

March 5, To one year's interest on above,	352 01
Cash advanced on orders drawn on account of Almshouse,	1,388 12
Amount due B. G. Webster for bills paid,	4 81
Amount due B. G. Webster, for salary,	400 00
Due G. M. Hitchcock, on pauper account,	17 01

Total,	<u>\$8,028 80</u>
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1880.

Cr.

March 5, By Poor Farm, as appraised,	\$4,300 00
Live stock,	675 00
Hay and grain,	269 05
Provisions,	188 04
Farming tools and wood,	272 95
Household furniture, as appraised March 9, 1876,	232 86
Stove and tub of S. J. Works,	3 00
	<u>\$5,940 90</u>

Balance being the amount paid
for the support of the poor, \$2,087 90

From this balance deduct the expense paid for support of Poor outside of the Almshouse, viz.:

For Mrs. Durant,	\$4 25
L. Wilber at Tewkesbury,	10 00
Monson for Works boy,	2 50
Crossman family,	4 56
State pauper,	140 00
Stone child,	6 50
Mrs. Colgrove,	90 86
S. C. Sherman,	44 57
Mrs. Bradley,	174 06
Geo. Needham,	14 00
McQueen family,	2 17
Mrs. S. J. Works,	19 50
	————— \$512 97

Balance, being the amount it has cost to support
the poor at the Almshouse, \$1,574 93

1879.

FOR SUPPORT OF PAUPERS.

April 5, E. Livermore, boots for Mrs Durant,	\$4 25
April 7, F. E. Cook, going to W. Brookfield, Crossman,	2 00
April 7, R. D. Butler, for support of S. H. Crossman,	1 81
May 5, Michael Cunningham, rent for Mrs. Colgrove,	10 00
May 5, B. G. Webster, services as warden to April 1, 1879,	411 58
May 5, Pliny Earle, board Mrs. Bradley at hospital,	45 00
July 14, Pliny Earle, board Mrs. Bradley at hospital,	40 00
Oct. 6, J. F. Holbrook, wood and coal for Mrs. Colgrove,	11 89
Oct. 6, Dr. W. Holbrook, attendance state pauper,	40 00
Oct. 6, Dr. W. Holbrook, elastic hose for Mrs. Colgrove,	5 00
Oct. 6, Pliny Earle, board for Mrs. Bradley at hospital,	45 03
Dec. 1, G. M. Hitchcock, aid to S. C. Sherman,	18 72
Dec. 1, Dr. J. W. Hastings, attendance on S. C. Sherman,	9 75
Dec. 1, O. E. Parker, aid to S. C. Sherman,	11 26
Dec. 1, E. B. Webster, clothing for Geo. Needham,	14 00
Dec. 1, P. F. Spaulding, aid to McQueen,	2 17
Dec. 1, P. F. Spaulding, aid to S. C. Sherman,	4 84

1880.

Jan. 5, B. B. Fenton, wood for Mrs. Colgrove,	\$3 75
Jan. 5, A. L. Converse, paid for support of state pauper,	100 00
Jan. 5, Dr. Holbrook, attendance on Mrs. Stone's child,	6 50
Jan. 5, L. M. Shaw, rent for Mrs. Colgrove,	6 00
Feb. 2, J. F. Holbrook, coal for Mrs. Colgrove,	15 54
Feb. 2, Pliny Earle, board for Mrs. Bradley,	44 03
Mar. 1, S. C. Wrightington, board of L. Wilber at Tewkesbury,	10 00
Mar. 15, A. L. Converse, money advanced on account of paupers,	525 00
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	\$1,388 12

Average number at almshouse, $13\frac{1}{2}$.

Number of weeks board furnished, 695.

Cost of each week's board, \$2.266 +.

Cost of each week's board after deducting interest on farm and stock \$1.75.

Inventory of personal property at almshouse March 5, 1880.

1 horse,	\$75 00	
1 yoke oxen,	175 00	
13 cows,	390 00	
4 shoats, 400 lbs.,	24 00	
22 hens,	11 00	
15 tons English hay,	210 00	
5 tons meadow hay,	20 00	
$\frac{1}{2}$ ton rye straw,	5 00	
25 bushels corn,	18 75	
18 bushels rye,	13 50	
150 lbs. meal,	1 80	
Provisions,	188 04	
Farming tools and wood,	272 95	
Household furniture,	235 86	
	<hr/>	\$1,640 90
Inventory March 18, 1879,		1,566 85
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Difference,		\$74 05

TREASURER'S REPORT.

A. L. Converse in account with the Town of Brimfield.

1879.

Mar. 22, Balance of settlement,	\$1,915 94
April 1, Amount Crossman family,	5 73
April 5, Received of J. S. Blair balance on certificate of 1877,	102 25
April 9, Amount received for support of state paupers,	79 11
April 9, Amount corporation tax, 1878,	11 97
Apr. 29, Borrowed of Electa Walker,	1,000 00
Apr. 29, Borrowed of Electa Walker,	200 00
Aug. 16, Received of J. P. Webber, col., bal- ance of certificate of 1878,	882 84
June 18, Borrowed of Palmer Savings bank,	1,000 00
June 23, Received on account damage school- house,	5 00
June 23, Received of Palmer for schooling,	8 70
July 1, Borrowed of J. L. Woods, administrator,	530 18
July 8, Borrowed of A. Monroe,	500 00
July 13, Borrowed of A. Monroe,	500 00
Oct. 29, Received of North Brookfield for sup- port of S. C. Sherman,	44 57
Dec. 3, Received of Warren for support of Crossman family,	6 28
Dec. 10, Amount of corporation tax,	45 63
Dec. 10, Amount of National Bank tax,	449 30
Dec. 10, Amount of state aid reimbursed,	96 00
Dec. 10, Amount of indigent soldiers,	10 00
Dec. 10, Received of state for support of paupers,	91 43

1880.

Jan. 26, Amount proportion of school fund,	22 44 6
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Feb. 23, Received of J. L. Woods on account of school books,	\$9 55
March 2, Received of Sturbridge on account of monuments,	7 28
March 2, Amount received from dog fund,	79 00
Mar. 15, Received balance due from O. A. Blashfield on account of son,	67 52
Mar. 15, Received amount of rent of town house,	258 50
Mar. 15, Received of G. M. Hitchcock, school book agent,	45 26
Mar. 15, Received of Monson on account of monuments,	2 15
Mar. 15, Amount received of J. P. Webber, collector, on certificate of 1879,	7,034 44
Total,	<hr/> \$15,213 09

PAYMENTS.

1879.

June 7, Paid on note of E. Walker,	\$100 00
July 1, Interest on Palmer Savings Bank,	104 95
Aug. 5, E. Walker, note and interest,	102 38
Nov. 4, Interest on E. Walker's note of \$1,000.00,	40 00

1880.

Jan. 1, Interest on Palmer Savings Bank note of \$4,750,	\$118 75
Jan. 1, On principal Palmer Savings Bank note of \$4,750,	1,500 00
Jan. 1, Interest on A. Monroe's note of \$500,	13 14
Jan. 1, Interest on A. Monroe's note of \$500,	11 46
Jan. 1, Interest on J. L. Wood's note of \$530.18,	14 58
Orders for repairs of highways,	1,148 99
Orders for repairs of bridges,	475 83
Orders for snow paths,	70 00
Orders for support of schools,	1,631 65
Orders for repairs on school-houses,	120 76

Orders for support of paupers,	\$1,388 12	
Orders for officers' salaries,	523 35	
Orders for miscellaneous pur- poses,	1,185 89	
Orders for unusual expenses,	5,005 32	
	<hr/>	\$13,555 17
Mar. 20, Balance, cash in hand of the Treasurer,		1,657 92
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		\$15,213 09

LIABILITIES OF THE TOWN.

1880.

March 20, Dog fund not appropriated,	\$79 00	
J. P. Webber, Collector,	60 00	
Austin Andrews, estimated,	8 00	
Town of Wales for schooling, estimated,	6 00	
Electa Walker, note and interest,	1,020 04	
Amos Munroe, note and interest,	505 12	
Amos Munroe, note and interest,	505 12	
J. L. Wood, note and interest,	535 61	
Palmer Savings Bank, note and in- terest,	3,286 09	
B. G. Webster, on account,	4 81	
B. G. Webster, for salary,	400 00	
J. T. Brown's bill,	9 78	
G. M. Hitchcock's bill,	17 01	
T. J. Morgan's bill,	3 45	
For other bills not reported, estimated,	200 00	
	<hr/>	\$6,640 03

ASSETS.

1880.

March 20, Cash in hands of Treasurer,	\$1,657 92
Due from State, for soldiers' aid,	82 00
Due from Town of Palmer, for schooling,	3 00
Due from Town Monson, for schooling,	9 58
Due from Town Warren, for schooling,	10 16
Due from State on pauper account,	91 43
Due from A. L. Converse, guardian,	95 84
School books on hand,	59 54

Due from Holland on account of monuments,	\$4 42	
Due from J. P. Webber, for taxes uncollected,	1,017 58	
Town histories on hand, estimated,	200 00	
Due from Springfield on account of Frank Burt's support,	16 00	
	<hr/>	\$3,247 47
Last year the town had a debt of	\$2,617 02	
This year a debt of	3,392 56	
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Increase of debt over last year,		\$775 54

Submitted by

CHENEY NEWTON,	} <i>Selectmen and</i>
M. H. BAKER,	
	<i>Auditing Committee.</i>

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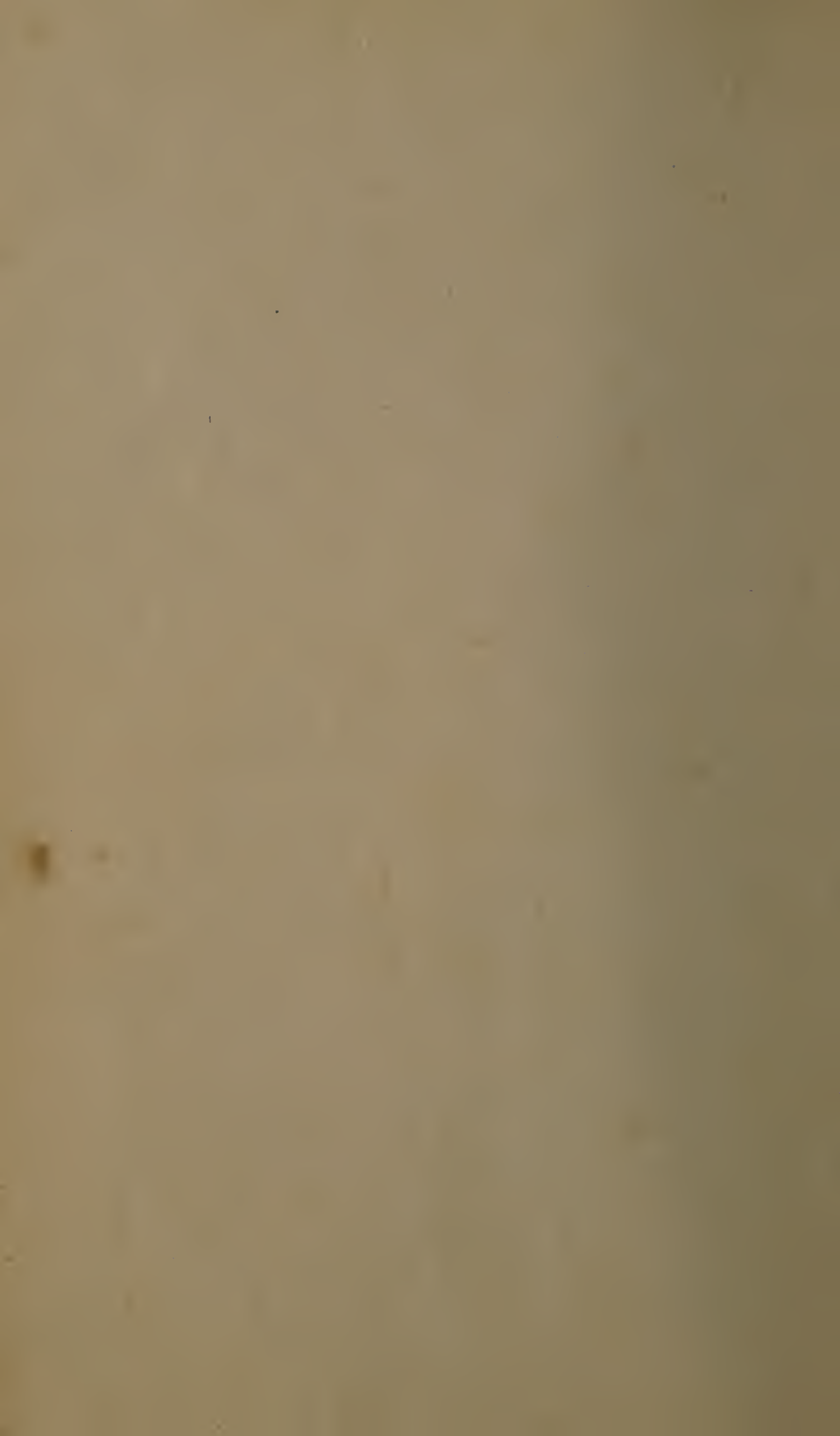
TOWN OF BRIMFIELD,

FOR THE

Year Ending March 21, 1881.



SPRINGFIELD, MASS.:
PRESS OF SPRINGFIELD PRINTING COMPANY.
1881.



ASSESSORS' REPORT.

Valuation of Brimfield, 1880.

Value of real estate,	\$387,880 00
Value of personal property,	104,496 00
Total,	<u>\$492,376 00</u>

Number of polls,	332
Tax on polls,	\$2 00
Rates,	\$14 50 on \$1,000 00
Money secured by mortgage,	\$6,200 00
Money unsecured,	2,600 00
Total,	<u>\$8,800 00</u>

Money on hand including deposits taxable,	\$100 00
Stocks in corporations without the State,	\$39,200 00
Number of horses,	236
Number of cows,	801
Number of sheep,	347
Number of dwelling houses taxed,	249
Number of acres assessed,	20,635

ASSESSMENT.

For State tax,	\$495 00
County tax,	590 28
Repair of highways,	1,100 00
Repair of bridges,	100 00
Snow paths,	100 00
Schools,	1,500 00
Repair of school-houses,	50 00
Support of paupers,	1,000 00

Officers' salaries,	500 00
Miscellaneous expenses,	600 00
Unusual expenses,	200 00
Town debt and interest,	1,000 00
Poll taxes omitted,	8 00
Discount on taxes,	300 00
Overlayings,	272 24
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Total tax,	\$7,815 52

SANFORD BOOTH,
 EDWARD H. MORGAN, } *Assessors.*
 OSCAR F. BROWN,

AUDITORS' REPORT.

Report of the receipts and expenditures of the town of Brimfield
for the year ending March 21, 1881.

PAYMENT FOR REPAIRS OF HIGHWAYS.

1880.

April 3.	Paid J. T. Brown,	\$3 60	
April 3.	John Shanley,	1 35	
		<hr/>	\$4 95

May 3.	Paid William D. Bennett,	\$55 59	
June 7.	William D. Bennett,	50 25	
Aug. 2.	William D. Bennett,	11 00	
Sept. 6.	William D. Bennett,	34 00	
Dec. 6.	William D. Bennett,	5 00	
		<hr/>	155 84

June 7.	Paid James N. Buxton,	\$65 98	
July 5.	James N. Buxton,	24 95	
Nov. 1.	James N. Buxton,	48 25	

1881.			
Jan. 3.	James N. Buxton,	7 20	
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June 7.	Paid Frank W. Fenton,	\$36 95	
July 5.	Frank W. Fenton,	12 00	
Dec. 6.	L. C. Fenton,	11 03	
		<hr/>	\$59 98

July 5.	Paid John C. Spring,	\$72 20	
Oct. 4.	John C. Spring,	102 00	
Dec. 6.	John C. Spring,	54 30	
		<hr/>	\$228 50

June 7.	Paid Moses H. Baker,	\$78 74	
Sept. 6.	Moses H. Baker,	29 15	
Nov. 1.	Moses H. Baker,	2 00	
March 18.	Moses H. Baker,	1 20	
		<hr/>	\$111 09

July 5.	Paid A. D. Thomas,	\$59 45	
Nov. 1.	A. D. Thomas,	8 45	
Dec. 6.	A. D. Thomas,	9 45	
		<hr/>	\$77 35
July 5.	Paid Henry Blodgett,	\$45 00	
Nov. 1.	Henry Blodgett,	40 50	
		<hr/>	\$85 50
July 5.	Paid Edward B. Brown,	\$39 37	
Sept. 6.	Edward B. Brown,	26 99	
		<hr/>	\$66 36
July 5.	Paid Richard H. Arnold,	13 63	
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	Total,		\$949 58

FOR SUPPORT OF BRIDGES.

1880.

July 5.	Paid R. H. Arnold,	\$0 50
July 5.	E. B. Webber, for plank,	13 76
July 5.	J. N. Buxton, for labor and plank,	15 95
July 5.	J. C. Spring,	68
Nov. 1.	Benj. B. Fenton, for plank,	3 20
Dec. 6.	E. B. Brown, plank and labor,	13 10
Dec. 6.	J. C. Spring, labor and timber,	17 77
Dec. 6.	D. P. Allen, for plank,	54 79
Feb. 7.	T. J. Morgan, for plank and timber,	13 27
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		\$133 02

FOR SNOW PATHS.

1880.

April 3.	Paid Moses A. Cheever,	\$5 78
	T. J. Morgan,	3 45
	John Shanley,	6 60
	Jonathan Emerson,	1 05

1881.

Feb. 7.	Paid J. N. Buxton,	27 48
	L. C. Fenton,	19 09
	Joseph P. Brown,	5 14

March 7.	William D. Bennett,	6 65
	L. C. Fenton,	7 42
	Edward B. Brown,	20 17
	Joseph P. Brown,	2 32
	John C. Spring,	44 34
	D. P. Allen,	1 94
	Thomas J. Morgan,	16 95
18.	Horace E. Janes,	8 70
	M. H. Baker,	19 06
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		\$196 14

FOR SUPPORT OF SCHOOLS.

Paid for wages and board of teachers, for fuel, and care of school-houses for the year ending March 21, 1881:

NAMES OF TEACHERS.	No. of School.	Wages, Summer Term.	Wages, Fall Term.	Wages, Winter Term.	Cost of Fuel.	Cost for Care of Houses.
Sarah E. Kenney,	1	\$78 75	\$78 75	\$105 00	\$11 25	\$8 50
Julia Blashfield,	2	67 50	72 00	96 00	16 00	5 25
Hattie J. Doane,	3	58 50	58 50	78 00	10 80	2 50
Martha F. Harman,	4	63 00			12 14	4 50
Josie E. Bishop,	4		63 00	84 00		
Ella J. Blodgett,	5	54 00			16 00	2 00
Sarah E. Hubbard,	5		54 00			
Martha E. Stone,	5			72 00		
Martha E. Stone,	6	45 00	45 00		13 50	
	7	No	school.			
Rebecca M. Lincoln,	8			72 00	7 50	2 00
	9	No	school.			
Abbie B. Brown,	10	67 50	72 00	96 00	16 20	2 00
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		\$434 25	\$443 25	\$603 00	\$103 39	\$26 75
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Paid Alice M. Bacon, musical instructor,						\$1,610 64
						8 00
Total,						<hr/>
						\$1,618 64

FOR OTHER EXPENSES FOR SCHOOLS.

April 5. Paid A. Andrews, for conveyance of
pupils, \$10 00

May 3.	Paid Jos. L. Woods, for school books,	2 40	
	G. M. Hitchcock, for school supplies,	1 30	
Aug. 2.	John A. Boyle, for school readers,	40 52	
Nov. 1.	John A. Boyle, for paper,	2 03	
March 7.	Jos. L. Woods, for school supplies,	3 23	
Nov. 1.	A. C. Stocken, for books of natural history,	3 20	
Feb. 7.	J. T. Brown, for school supplies,	36	
Jan. 6.	Jos. L. Woods, for books, etc.,	10 78	
March 18.	Jos. L. Woods, for books, etc.,	60	
	Jos. L. Woods, for express and postage,	1 90	
	Town of Warren for schooling,	3 00	
			<u>\$79 32</u>
	Total paid for support of schools,		<u>\$1,697 96</u>

From this deduct the amount due from the town of Palmer for schooling,	\$6 12	
The amount paid by Samuel Hodgson for schooling,	5 40	
		<u>\$11 52</u>
Cost for resident pupils,		<u>\$1,686 44</u>

APPROPRIATION FOR SCHOOLS.

For wages and board of teachers, fuel and care of school-houses,	\$1,400 00	
For conveyance of pupils and other expenses for schools,	100 00	
Town's proportion of school fund,	221 57	
Total,		<u>\$1,721 57</u>
Deduct cost of schools,		<u>1,686 44</u>
Balance unexpended, .		<u>\$35 13</u>

FOR REPAIRS OF SCHOOL-HOUSES.

1880.

April 3.	Paid J. T. Brown,	\$1 66
May 3.	D. W. Janes, No. 2,	8 77
May 3.	Joseph L. Woods,	6 40

Oct. 4.	James Read Brown, No. 5,	26 21
Dec. 6.	James Read Brown, No. 4,	12 50
March 7.	Joseph L. Woods,	1 50
March 7.	George H. Upham,	2 70
Nov. 1.	J. P. Webber, repairing pump No. 1,	1 00
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		\$60 74

FOR OFFICERS' SALARIES.

SELECTMEN.

1880.		
April 3.	Paid Cheney Newton, for 1879-80,	\$46 00
April 3.	Moses H. Baker, for 1879-80,	58 75
1881.		
Feb. 7.	Pliny F. Spaulding, for 1879-80,	9 75
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		\$114 50

ASSESSORS.

1880.		
Nov. 1.	Paid Edward H. Morgan,	25 00
Nov. 2.	Sanford Booth,	26 00
Dec. 6.	Oscar F. Brown,	26 00
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		\$77 00

SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

1880.		
June 7.	Paid J. L. Woods for 1878-80,	39 00
1881.		
March 7.	Paid James Read Brown,	20 00
“ 7.	Rev. W. K. Pierce,	12 00
“ 7.	Joseph L. Woods,	34 50
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		\$105 50

SEXTON.

1880.		
May 3.	Paid Francis E. Cook,	21 00
July 5.	Francis E. Cook,	21 00
Oct. 4.	Francis E. Cook,	12 00
1881.		
Jany. 3.	Francis E. Cook,	15 40
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		\$69 40

May 3.	Paid F. E. Cook, serving warrants,	5 00	
	F. E. Cook, services, Overseer of the Poor,	5 00	
	F. E. Cook, Truant officer,	1 00	
May 3.	E. W. Hitchcock, services, Overseer Poor,	3 00	
July 5.	N. Moulton, services, janitor Town House,	25 00	
Oct. 4.	N. Moulton, services, janitor Town House,	25 00	
Jan. 3.	N. Moulton, services, janitor Town House,	25 00	
Oct. 4.	J. P. Webber, collector, 1879,	60 00	
June 7.	C. A. Homer, Librarian,	12 50	
Dec. 6.	C. A. Homer, Librarian,	25 00	
		<hr/>	\$186 50
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			\$552 90

FOR SUPPORT OF PAUPERS.

1880.

April 3.	Paid Northampton Hospital for Mrs. Bradly,	\$39 00
	J. B. Brown, expenses for L. Wilbur,	7 85
	G. M. Hitchcock, for poor out of Alms House,	17 01
May 3.	B. G. Webster, salary as warden,	400 00
	B. G. Webster, balance of account,	4 81
June 7.	J. F. Holbrooks, coal for Mrs. Colgrove,	5 40
	Lucy M. Shaw, rent of house for Mrs. Colgrove,	30 00
	E. W. Hitchcock, expenses for J. Quigley,	3 20
July 5.	E. Livermore, expenses for Needham, Northampton Hospital, for Mrs. Bradley,	1 40
	E. B. Webber, on account of Joseph Converse,	44 85
		10 00
Aug. 2.	Loomis Brothers, coffin for Wm. Murray,	10 00
	Worcester Hospital, for L. Wilbur,	6 96
	William S. Barton, for L. Wilbur,	4 40
	Cheney Newton, expenses for L. Wilbur,	6 40

Oct. 4.	Northampton Hospital for Mrs. Bradley,	42 72
Nov. 1.	Town of Southbridge, expenses for Mrs. Samuel R. Bond,	8 50
	Moses H. Baker, expenses paid for pau- pers,	1 00
	Cheney Newton for, and expenses, tak- ing George Needham to Boston,	5 38
1881		
Jany. 3.	Paid H. P. & J. S. Holden, bill for Mrs. Colgrove,	2 88
	Cheney Newton, cash paid for cattle for Almshouse,	38 50
Jany. 3.	Northampton Hospital, for Mrs. Bradley,	47 67
Feby. 7.	State for support Colgrove boy,	34 00
	Mrs. S. J. Hines, for making shirts for George Needham,	68
March 7.	Blind Asylum, for George Needham,	4 75
	Dr. G. F. Chamberlain, medical atten- dance on Joseph Converse,	2 25
	A. L. Converse, Treasurer, for cash ad- vanced to Overseers Poor,	555 00
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		\$1,334 61

FOR MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSES.

1880.		
April 3.	Paid Melvin & Goodhue, for printing,	6 00
	Town of Wales, for taxes,	1 74
	J. T. Brown, supplies for Town House,	4 52
April 5.	Cheney Newton, expenses to Springfield and express and postage,	8 21
May 3.	Springfield Printing Co., for printing town report,	28 00
June 7.	Springfield Printing Co., blanks and books, Assessors',	8 65
	A. L. Converse for abatements,	22 50
July 5.	N. Moulton, for kindlings,	20
Aug. 2.	Melvin & Goodhue, printing tax bills,	3 00
Sept. 6.	John F. Converse, supplies Town House,	16 78

Oct. 4.	F. E. Cook, taking hearse to and from Sturbridge, and going to Wales after hearse and returning same,	5 00
Oct. 4.	F. E. Cook, mowing old cemetery,	3 00
	F. E. Cook, telegram,	50
	Jesse Braman, for work on paths on the common,	7 95
Nov. 1.	John S. Needham, wood for Town House,	9 28
	W. J. Melvin, for printing,	2 50
	G. H. Upham, repairs at Town House,	8 85
Dec. 6.	A. L. Converse, for abatements,	8 76
	O. F. Brown, postage,	69
	George Bacon, work at cemetery,	6 60
	George H. Upham, work at cemetery,	32 70
Jany. 3.	F. E. Cook, work at cemetery,	1 50
	Knowlton & Long, on Burr case,	30 00
	On account town library,	115 00
	A. L. Converse, for abatement,	2 00
Feby. 7.	J. T. Brown, for rent and supplies,	53 09
	Ladd Bro's. & Co., insurance on library,	26 25
	A. L. Converse, State aid paid,	125 00
	John Hines, for fitting wood,	2 17
	C. H. Upham, painting at library, etc.,	10 30
March 7.	J. F. Lombard, for wood,	1 50
	N. F. Robinson, work at Town House,	60
	James Harvey, work at library room,	23 13
	A. L. Converse, postage, &c.,	8 00
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		\$583 97

FOR UNUSUAL EXPENSES.

1880.

June 7,	Paid George W. Taft, for road scraper,	\$78 00
Sept. 6,	John Haley, for damage on highway,	4 70
Oct. 4,	H. Haynes & Son, for repairing hearse,	22 00
Nov. 1,	A. L. Dorr, for damage on highway,	5 00
Nov. 1,	W. W. Henderson, for cabinets,	21 00

1881.

Jan. 3,	Paid Needham Moulton, for moving library,	2 65
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Appropriations for the foregoing :

	Appropriations.	Payments.
For Repair of highways,	\$1,100 00	\$949 58
Support of bridges,	100 00	133 02
Snow paths,	100 00	196 14
Support of schools,	1,500 00 }	1,686 44
Proportion of school fund,	221 57 }	
Repair of school-houses,	50 00	60 74
Support of paupers,	1,000,00	1,334 61
Officers' salaries,	500 00	552 90
Miscellaneous expenses,	600 00	583 97
Unusual expenses,	200 00	133 35
Discount on taxes,	300 00	338 52
Dog fund,	68 35	
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Total payments,		\$5,969 27
Appropriations,		5,739 92
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Excess of payments,		\$229 35

COLLECTOR'S REPORT.



JONATHAN P. WEBBER, Collector for 1879.

DR.

1880.

March 20. To balance certificate of 1879, uncollected, \$1,017 58

CR.

Mar. 30.	By paid Town Treasurer,	\$120 00
June 3.	Town Treasurer,	145 00
June 18.	Town Treasurer,	230 97
July 6.	Town Treasurer,	200 00
Aug. 21.	Town Treasurer,	321 61
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		\$1,017 58

JONATHAN P. WEBBER, Collector for 1880.

DR.

Town Tax for 1880, \$7,815 52

CR.

July 14.	By paid Town Treasurer,	\$500 50
July 28.	Town Treasurer,	130 22
Aug. 21.	Town Treasurer,	200 39
Aug. 24.	Town Treasurer,	138 75
Sept. 1.	Town Treasurer,	2,127 31
	County Tax,	590 28
	Discount allowed on above at 6 per cent.,	235 36
Nov. 4.	By paid Town Treasurer,	178 76
Dec. 8.	Town Treasurer,	100 42
Dec. 18.	Town Treasurer,	320 00
Dec. 25.	Town Treasurer,	300 00
Dec. 31.	Town Treasurer,	524 85

1881.

Jan'y 1.	Town Treasurer,	1,052 00
	Discount allowed on above at 4 per cent.,	103 16
Feb. 22.	By paid Town Treasurer,	200 00
Mar. 7.	Town Treasurer,	120 00
Mar. 18.	Town Treasurer,	144 32
	Balance certificate of 1880, uncollected,	849 20
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		\$7,815 52

OVERSEERS OF THE POOR.



INVENTORY OF PERSONAL PROPERTY AT THE ALMSHOUSE.

1881.

March 16.	One horse,	\$70 00
	One yoke oxen,	165 00
	Ten cows, at \$32.00,	320 00
	Three heifers, two years old,	50 00
	Three shotes, weighing 300 lbs.,	24 00
	Two pigs,	6 00
	Twenty-two hens, at 50 cents,	11 00
	Fourteen tons English hay, at \$14.00,	196 00
	Six tons meadow hay,	30 00
	Three-fourths ton oat straw,	7 50
	Twenty-five bushels corn, at 75 cents,	18 75
	Twelve bushels rye, at 75 cents,	9 00
	Twenty bushels oats,	9 00
	Five hundred lbs. meal,	5 75
	Eighty-five lbs. shorts,	1 00
	Farming tools and wood,	277 30
	Provisions,	190 41
	Household furniture,	235 86
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		\$1,626 57

OVERSEERS OF POOR IN ACCOUNT WITH THE TOWN OF BRIMFIELD.

DR.

To Poor Farm, as appraised March 5, 1880,	\$4,300 00
Neat stock, as appraised March 5, 1880,	675 00
Hay and grain, as appraised March 5, 1880,	269 05
Provisions, as appraised March 5, 1880,	188 04
Farming tools and wood,	272 95
Household furniture, as appraised March 9, 1876,	232 86
For one year's interest on the above,	356 27
Cash advanced by the town,	555 00

For Amount due B. G. Webster, for bills paid,	3 57
Amount due B. G. Webster, for salary,	400 00
Amount paid to C. Newton, for cattle,	38 50
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	\$7,291 24

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1881.

March 16. By Poor Farm, as appraised this day,	\$4,300 00
Neat stock, as appraised this day,	646 00
Hay and grain, as appraised this day,	277 00
Provisions, as appraised this day,	190 41
Farming tools and wood,	277 30
Household Furniture, as appraised March 9, 1876,	235 86
Amount due from town, for breaking out roads,	4 80
Amount due from H. A. Webber, estimated	20 00
Balance being the amount paid for support of poor and repair of buildings the past year,	1,339 87
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	\$7,291 24

From the above balance, \$1,339 87
deduct the expense for the support of poor
out of the almshouse, viz :

Paid for Mrs. Margaret Bradley,	\$174 24
G. M. Hitchcock's bill,	17 01
for Mrs. Colgrove,	38 28
for ——— Quigley,	3 20
for George Needham,	12 21
for Joseph Converse,	12 25
for coffin for Wm. Murray,	10 00
State for Colgrove boy,	34 00
for Mrs. S. R. Bond,	8 50
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	309 69

Balance, being the amount it has cost to
support the poor at the almshouse, \$1,030 18

Average number at almshouse, $13\frac{5}{3}$. Number of weeks board furnished, $681\frac{3}{4}$. Cost of each week's board, \$1.511+. Cost of each week's board after deducting interest on farm and stock, \$0.989+.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

A. L. Converse in account with the Town of Brimfield:

DR.

1880.			
March 20.	To balance of settlement,	\$1,657	92
30.	cash received of town of Hol- land,	4	52
April 12.	cash received of town of War- ren,	10	16
16.	cash received of town of Palmer, cash received of Joseph L. Woods for shingles,	4	93
May 3.	cash received of Joseph L. Woods for lumber,	3	00
July 23.	cash State Treasurer, expenses for Murray,	1	00
Oct. 4.	cash received town of Mon- son,	19	65
Dec. 11.	cash State Treasurer, corpo- ration tax,	9	58
.	cash State Treasurer, National Bank tax,	91	30
	cash State Treasurer, State aid reimbursed,	471	04
		82	00
1881.			
Jany. 25.	To cash State Treasurer, propor- tion school fund,	221	57
	cash County Treasurer, dog tax,	68	35
Feby. 9.	cash H. King Shaw, for wood lot,	60	90
March 7.	cash J. Reed Brown, for books and stove,	1	75

March 7.	To cash Samuel Hodgson, for schooling,	5 40	
	Amount received of J. P. Webber, on certificate of 1879,	1,017 58	
	Received of Jonathan P. Webber, on certificate of 1880,	6,037 52	
March 18.	Received of J. P. Webber, interest on taxes, 1878,	30 58	
	Received of J. P. Webber, interest on taxes, 1879,	25 10	
	Received for use Town Hall,	91 50	
		<hr/>	\$9,915 35

PAYMENTS.

1880.

April 16.	By paid Mrs. E. Walker on note,	50 00	
July 1.	Paid A. Munroe, interest on two notes of \$500 each,	28 75	
	Paid Palmer Savings Bank, interest on note of \$3,200,	73 12	
	Paid J. L. Woods, administrator, interest on note of \$530.18,	13 25	
Dec. 1.	Paid State tax,	495 00	

1881.

Jany. 1.	By paid J. L. Woods, interest on note,	14 57	
	Paid A. Munroe, interest on notes,	30 00	
	Paid on note, Palmer Savings Bank,	700 00	
	Paid interest Palmer Savings Bank,	73 12	
	Paid orders for repairs of highways,	949 58	
	Paid orders for repairs of bridges,	133 02	
	Paid orders for snow-paths,	196 14	

Jany. 1.	By Paid orders for support of schools,	1,697 96	
	Paid orders for support of paupers,	1,334 61	
	Paid orders for salaries of officers,	552 90	
	Paid orders for repairs of school houses,	60 74	
	Paid orders for miscellaneous purposes,	583 97	
	Paid orders for unusual expenses,	133 35	
March 21.	Paid on note, Palmer Savings Bank,	1,000 00	
	Balance, cash in the Treasurer's hands,	1,795 27	
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LIABILITIES OF THE TOWN.

1881.

March 21.	Due Electa Walker, note and interest,	1,028 70	
	A. Munroe, 2 notes and interest,	1,010 24	
	Palmer Savings Bank, note and interest,	1,527 77	
	J. L. Woods, Administrator, note and interest,	535 61	
	B. G. Webster, on account,	3 57	
	B. G. Webster for salary, April 1,	400 00	
	Dog fund, not appropriated,	68 35	
	J. P. Webber, Collector,	60 00	
	Needham Moulton, janitor,	25 00	
	On bills not presented, estimated,	250 00	
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ASSETS.

March 21.	Cash in the hands of the		
	Treasurer,	\$1,795	27
	Due from the State, for sol-		
	diers' aid,	120	00
	Due from Palmer, for school-		
	ing,	6	12
	Due from 2nd Cong. Church,	125	00
	Due for support of Henry		
	Pierce,	191	68
	Due for taxes uncollected,	849	20
	Due from H. A. Webber, es-		
	timated,	20	00
	Town histories on hand,	100	00
	School books on hand,	51	90
	Cash in book agency,	12	54
	Balance, the amount of debt		
	over assets,	1,637	53
		<hr/>	\$4,909 24
Last year the town owed a debt above			
assets of,		\$3,392	56
This year a debt over assets,		1,637	53
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Difference, amount of debt paid,			\$1,755 03

Submitted by

HENRY F. BROWN, {
 CHENEY NEWTON, { *Auditors.*
 SANFORD BOOTH, {

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT.

MARRIAGES RECORDED IN BRIMFIELD IN 1880.

Date.	Bridegroom.	Residence.	Bride.	Residence.
Jan. 7.	Ambrose Coleman,	Stafford, Ct.	Susan W. Brewer,	Wales.
Feb. 7.	Rodney R. Dunham,	Brimfield.	Mary E. Stevens,	Charlton.
Feb. 20.	Wm. P. Beeching,	Brimfield.	Ellen A. Sprout,	Worcester.
May 1.	James Fellows,	Wales.	Helen M. Tyler,	West Brookfield.
May 23.	Franklin G. Bennett,	Ludlow.	Ida M. Groves,	Brimfield.
June 8.	John G. Tarbell,	Detroit, Mich.	Charlotte E. Parker,	Brimfield.
June 17.	Wm. M. Ducker,	Brooklyn, N. Y.	Delia P. Wyles,	Brimfield.
June 17.	Felix Dyon,	Brimfield.	Elizabeth B. Lafleur,	Sturbridge.
June 19.	Charles N. McCrillis,	Brimfield.	Lizzie M. Cleverly,	Brimfield.
Aug. 12.	Arthur Stebbins,	Brimfield.	Ella E. Rumrill,	Palmer.
Aug. 14.	Fitz Henry Moore,	Warren.	Sophia J. Coy,	Brimfield.
Aug. 16.	Arthur A. Upham,	Brimfield.	Mary F. Woods,	Brimfield.
Nov. 24.	Edwin R. King,	Monson.	Nancy Wallace,	Monson.
Dec. 25.	Henry A. Ryder,	Brimfield.	Elvira N. Wheeler,	Brimfield.

BIRTHS RECORDED IN BRIMFIELD IN 1880.

Date.	Name of Child.	Sex.	Name of Parents.
Jan. 14.	Addie Louisa,	F	John P. and Martha E. Griggs.
Jan. 22.	Fred M.,	M	Henry and Maria Blodgett.
Jan.	Henry,	M	Oren and Clara J. McCrillis.
Feb. 4.	William Henry,	M	John F. and Lizzie L. Converse.
Feb. 4.	Bertha Elizabeth,	F	Orus E. and Eva A. Parker.
Feb. 20.	Daniel,	M	John and Ellen Haley.
March 17.		M	George F. and Martha Brown.
April 2.	Cheney Frank,	M	Frank R. and Mary A. Newton.
May 6.	Willie,	M	John and Mary Brothers.
May 22.	Hattie J.,	F	Charles H. and Emeline Merritt.
May 26.	Margaret,	F	Michael and Ellen Grant.
May 31.		F	John and Julia Champaux.
June 2.	Ada A.,	F	George F. and Diana Holdridge.
June 5.	Rosie,	F	Joseph and Josephine Champaux.
June 13.		M	Jessie and Abigail Braman.
Aug. 9.	Fred Green,	M	Horatio L. and Ada J. Parker.
Aug. 22.	George William,	M	William L. and Cornelia Daniels.
Oct. 7.		F	George W. and Nellie Collis.
Oct. 9.	Cora,	F	John and Alice St. George.

Date.	Name of Child.	Name of Parents.
Nov. 16.	Frank,	M Duffie and Matilda Brothers.
Nov. 20.	Mabel Nutting,	F Edward B. and Mary A. Brown.
Dec. 5.	Ellen,	F John and Mary Hopkins.
Dec. 6.		F James L. and Olive M. Groves.
Dec. 13.		F Henry S. and Anna Thomas.
Dec. 26.	Lena E.,	F Nathan Jr. and Mary F. Foster.

DEATHS RECORDED IN BRIMFIELD IN 1880.

Date.	Name.	Disease.	Age.
Jan. 3.	Marcus Beebe,	Heart Disease,	41 years, 6 months, 7 days.
Feb. 29.	Lottie M. Ryder,	Consumption,	13 years, 11 months, 23 days.
Apr. 1.	Susie E. Meserve,	Measles,	16 years, 3 months, 16 days.
Apr. 7.	Virgine Bowler,	Diphtheria,	6 years, 9 months.
Apr. 8.	James B. Brown,	Apoplexy,	62 years, 3 months, 26 days.
Apr. 9.	Clara C. Scarborough,	Measles,	11 years, 11 months, 26 days.
Apr. 15.	Susan M. Works,	Consumption,	8 months, 17 days.
May 2.	Hiram C. Powers,	Dropsy,	74 years, 10 months, 15 days.
May 16.	Sarah J. Gardner,	Consumption,	21 years, 3 months, 27 days.
May 23.	Brown,	Eczema,	2 months, 14 days.
May 25.	William Murray,	Sunstroke, about	50 years.
July 1.	Pliny F. Spaulding,	Bright's Disease,	59 years, 2 months, 21 days.
July 2.	Jane B. Corbin,	Bright's Disease,	31 years, 6 months, 2 days.
July 18.	Lovinia E. Cobleigh,	Consumption,	33 years, 10 months, 5 days.
July 19.	Oscar B. Cheever	Cholera Infantum,	4 months, 8 days.
July 23.	Elizabeth McAlpine,	Cholera Morbus,	49 years, 2 months, 5 days.
Aug. 20.	Rhoda R. Cutler,	Cancer,	53 years, 4 months, 5 days.
Sept. 16.	Lydia R. Fenton,	Softening of Brain,	81 years, 10 months, 26 days.
Oct. 3.	George P. Wight,	Old Age,	96 years, 11 months.
Oct. 10.	John Sherman,	Apoplexy,	82 years, 3 months, 9 days.
Nov. 9.	Mary A. Champaux,	Diphtheria,	5 years, 2 months, 12 days.
Nov. 30.	Regina Champaux,	Croup,	3 years, 4 months, 6 days.
Dec. 20.	Mary Solander,	Apoplexy,	88 years, 10 months, 28 days.

REPORT
OF THE
SCHOOL COMMITTEE,
OF THE
TOWN OF BRIMFIELD,
FOR THE
Year Ending March, 1880.



SPRINGFIELD, MASS.:
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Report of School Committee.

At the time of preparing this report, the items necessary for a complete statement of the school expenses for the year have not been collected, but a full report of them may be expected in the forthcoming Financial Report of the town. It appears nearly certain that the town appropriation for support of schools has not been exhausted, while that for repairs has been overdrawn by a few dollars. We endeavored to keep within the limits of the appropriation, but the exigencies seemed to demand more. Most of the money has been expended on the house and grounds of No. 3. A substantial fence has been built on one side of the lot, half the roof shingled, new blackboards provided and other masonry work done, the walls painted and the grounds graded. Most of the other houses have needed slight repairs.

In some of the schools, teachers and pupils have been very careful to keep the school property in good condition; in others the matter has not appeared to be of much consequence. The new house in No. 2 appears to be substantially built and well adapted to its use. The ground is newly graded and is likely to be very muddy. A quantity of grass-seed sown early in the season would cause it to turf over much sooner.

We cannot let this opportunity pass, without calling attention to the desirableness of planting shade trees on the lot. The soil is well adapted to the growth of our choicest trees, and once set and protected they would soon become a source of beauty and comfort. We thus embellish our homes, why not our school grounds?

The advent of a large class of highly educated and earnest men and women devoting themselves to the cause of popular education, as teachers and school superintendents, has produced a radical change in the school economy of the country.

After learning the methods employed by them and observing the results, we feel that our schools may be greatly improved without increasing their expenses. To secure which, some conditions are necessary.

1. Reduce the number of our schools. It is assumed that a committee has power to do this, but it is not evident that it is wise for it to do so without the expressed wish of the town. We recommend that the town investigate the matter, through a special committee or otherwise, and give such directions as they think advisable.

2. The employment only of teachers thoroughly educated somewhere or somehow in the theory and practice of teaching. Without arguing this question again, we quote from the latest school report of Boston :

“As to the necessity for Normal training for all who are to become teachers, there seems to be but one opinion among those competent to judge in the matter. It seems to be agreed on all hands that there are principles of education that ought to be learned, and methods of instruction that should be understood before the work of teaching is undertaken ; and further that the first efforts in the work of teaching should be made in the presence and under the direction of those who are competent to point out errors and suggest ways for their correction. It is also admitted that the training of teachers is a work of such difficulty and so entirely different from ordinary teaching, that it cannot be properly done except in a school especially devoted to this object, and by teachers specially fitted for this duty.”

During the past year, the number and persistency of applicants who have not spent a day or a dollar to fit themselves for teaching, and who cannot answer intelligently one in ten of the questions necessary to prove their competency,

have largely increased. It seems to be time for all such to understand that they must prepare themselves to do good work before they can be trusted in our schools.

3. It has been proved that a local committee, no matter how faithful and persevering, necessarily lacks some of the elements indispensable to the most efficient supervision of schools.

To do this most effectually, one should be intimately acquainted with the details of the most successful methods of educational work, and have the opportunity to profit by the experience and skill of many others engaged in the same vocation.

The most experienced school superintendents find it necessary to meet frequently to consult with and learn of each other, but the committees of small towns cannot well afford such expensive tuition. The assistance and advice of an expert would be useful in testing applicants for teaching, preparing courses for study, and suggesting the most approved methods of study and teaching. We hope our law-makers, who have this subject under consideration, will give it the attention its importance demands.

4. Perhaps the most important object to be secured by our school work is to excite a desire for useful knowledge and to teach the methods by which it can be most readily obtained. There is excellent authority for the saying, "If a child leaves school without a love for study—a passionate desire for more useful knowledge, and the mental power to acquire it—though he has memorized every page in his text books, his teaching has been a sham and his education a failure."

To meet the necessities we need more suitable reading matter in school, and this demand could be partially supplied by the public library if it were available. Most pupils as much need a competent teacher to introduce them to a proper course of reading as they do in the study of Geography or Language. This subject has been tested and is well understood by our best educators.

In Boston, Quincy, Worcester and other places, teachers are allowed and expected to take several—sometimes a dozen or two—volumes at a time from the library for the use of their pupils who read them at home or in school as directed. When the question of a town library was under discussion here, it was suggested that our children needed the advantages of one to assist and supplement their school work. Careful inquiry shows that very few of them now use it at all. We find that nearly all those living in the eastern and western portions of the town have had no use of it whatever, and we fear they have just cause of complaint that no allowance has been made for their isolated situations. We recommend that teachers in our public schools be allowed to take suitable volumes from the town library for the use of their pupils, and also that a larger supply of books be procured adapted to their capacities and needs. If a few books specially prepared to assist teachers were provided, they would be very useful. There has been a general movement in the direction here indicated. Let not Brimfield be among the last to utilize her public library to the best advantage.

5. Many of the educational processes of forty years ago have become nearly obsolete and improved methods have succeeded them. We have felt it our duty to introduce such into our schools when expedient to do so. More thoughtful work and less memorizing of mere words has been insisted upon and the results obtained are very encouraging.

Still we are not satisfied for we know that much better success has been secured in other places. We have faith that if we furnish the means and do our work skillfully, our children will respond as certainly as others have done. We have taken advantage of a favorable opportunity to exchange our old arithmetics (some of them worthless to us) for new ones much better adapted to our use at small expense to the town, and also begun the introduction of Monroe's series of Readers for which very satisfactory terms have been secured. The necessity of a greater variety of general reading in our schools

is keenly felt. Most of our pupils are not in a true sense good readers, nor have they the power to use language to express ideas with accuracy and facility. We are making earnest efforts to teach them better, and we insist that every lesson shall be a language lesson and that thoughts shall be expressed in complete propositions. The traditional long questions and short answers must be reversed.

The necessity of a variety of material objects in the school-room as aids in teaching is now undoubted, and we have begun to supply them and shall expect them to be used skillfully. We cannot forbear saying that our wall maps, globes, and other aids in teaching have not been used as intended and in some cases not used at all.

Books are a very imperfect and unreliable source of knowledge for the younger pupils. There must be more object and illustrative teaching, and the future teacher must know how to do it effectively.

During the first years in school pupils should receive more attention from the teacher than has yet been given them. They should have two or three lessons each half day but each should be brief. There need not be the old excuse for the neglect—want of time—for we have shown how the older pupils can employ themselves much of the time in their seats better than by long recitations. Our first work should be to teach how to study, and, if the teaching is well done, we may expect the pupils will have the ability and the inclination to work by themselves without making great demands on the teacher.

It has long been the custom for some one or more to make “some remarks” of a most commendable nature, praising and flattering by turns both teacher and pupils, at the close of each term of school. If each school was not eulogized to the same extent without regard to merit unamiable feelings were excited. A good school needs no praising and a poor one deserves none. In the future we propose to let each one speak for itself. It is ours to plan, to assist, to encourage

and to sustain, but not to deal in wholesale adulation. Commendations and criticisms are better made privately and only to those interested.

We regret that there has been or should ever be occasion for severe criticism on any of our schools; at the same time, we cordially invite the most searching scrutiny of their character. In some cases parents have, in a commendable spirit, reported their dissatisfaction. We respectfully suggest that such is the better way. If a teacher is thought to be unfaithful or inefficient, it will not tend to increase her usefulness to publish the suspicion to the public. Such a course would injure a good school and make a poor one worse. In either case the pupils would suffer as well as the teacher. We cordially invite all to make themselves familiar with the schools by personal observation and, if cause for dissatisfaction exist, to report it to us, and we pledge ourselves to remove it if possible.

We think every teacher should be a reader of an able educational journal. He who does not continue to study his profession must relatively fall back, and may soon find himself not wanted. A past reputation is a poor reliance for the future. Teachers will be expected at the school-house fifteen minutes before the commencement of each session. This requirement seems necessary. They will also be expected to attend all teachers' meetings when notified.

It will be seen that we do not ask for more money, but seek only to use that intrusted to us to the best advantage. Of course it is out of our power to employ first-class teachers for small wages. It is true economy to pay generously for good work. We ought not to be obliged to employ teachers whom no one else will have because they can be had cheaply.

That the nature of the school work which we require may be well understood by all, we quote the following directions to teachers, mostly from "Rules and Regulations of the East Saginaw (Mich.) Public Schools." We adopt them as our own.

1. "Never teach a definition till that which is to be defined has been clearly apprehended by the pupil.
2. "The thing named should always be learned before the name.
3. "A rule is the statement of a principle or process ; the pupil should never be required to learn one, except as the best expression of what he already knows.
4. "Know thoroughly and familiarly whatever you would teach.
5. "Gain and keep the attention of your pupils, and excite their interest in the subject.
6. "Use language which your pupils fully understand, and clearly explain every new word required.
7. "Begin with what is already known, and proceed to the unknown by easy and natural steps.
8. "Excite the self-activities of the pupils, and lead them to discover the truth for themselves.
9. "Require pupils (better by writing) to restate fully and correctly, in their own language and with their own proofs and illustrations, the truths taught them.
10. "Teach only that which is practical and useful, and by the most approved methods ; reject the mere theoretical and useless."

We have thus, according to statute, made "such statements and suggestions in relation to the schools as (we) the committee deem necessary or proper to promote the interests thereof."

School books will be supplied at the town agency, at reduced prices. The Spring term will begin April 19 ; Fall term Aug. 30 ; Winter term Nov. 29.

JOSEPH L. WOODS, *Chairman.*

OSCAR F. BROWN,

W. K. PEIRCE.

School Committee.

BRIMFIELD, MASS., March 1, 1880.

REPORT

OF THE

SCHOOL COMMITTEE

OF THE

TOWN OF BRIMFIELD,

FOR THE

YEAR ENDING MARCH 1, 1881.



WARREN, MASS.:

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1881.

Report of School Committee.

The resources for the past year for support of schools have been :

Town appropriations for teachers' wages, etc.,	\$1,400 00
For conveying to school,	100 00
Income of School Fund,	221 57
For repairs,	50 00
	————— \$1,771 57

The charges have been for teachers' salaries,	\$1,491 50
For fuel,	95 29
For janitors,	23 50
For books, etc., chargeable to income of school fund,	8 57
For repairs,	51 31
Amount unexpended,	101 40
	————— \$1,771 57

In addition to the above there has been expended about \$45.00 for books, expressage, etc., which is chargeable only to contingent expenses. A small amount not yet reported will be paid for books furnished to pupils and not paid for. \$11.26 is due for tuition of non-resident pupils.

It is not assumed that a larger appropriation would render present teachers or present supervision more efficient. If we can elevate the character of the schools, we fully believe the town will generously pay the teacher.

But seven schools have been kept during the year, those in No. 6 and 8 having been united ; and no part of the appropriation for conveying children to school has been used. Without changes in population the same number may answer for the coming year, but a few children cannot be well accommodated

with seven schools, and we suggest the propriety of renewing the appropriation for conveying, to be used only in case of necessity.

The spring and fall terms are too brief, and it is desirable to extend them to ten weeks each. It might have been done the past year, but it was impossible for us to foresee what demands might be made upon our funds. We are unwilling either to misuse or overdraw a dollar. It is hoped the extension may be safely made in the future.

The exterior of the house in No. 5, and the inside of the one in No. 4, have been painted. Other repairs have been slight. The roofs in two or three begin to fail and must soon be shingled. Some of the blackboards are also in poor condition. The one in No. 2 has had the best of care and is evidently failing in consequence of imperfect construction. It is feared that some others have failed through harsh usage. Any behavior not proper in the parlor ought not to be allowed in a school-room. The house in No. 10 needs to be repainted.

That the cause of popular education is rapidly progressing in most parts of our country is attested by the reports that come to us weekly. The past few years have given it a momentum that no power hostile to the mental and moral elevation of the masses of our youth can prevent continued progress. With the wonderful changes and improvements made during the past few decades, in almost every vocation of life, it was simply impossible that schools should not be stimulated to a more active existence, and they ^{can} only go back to their former state when the business of the country, the inventions and the manufactures, the arts ^{and} ~~of~~ sciences are remanded to their former condition. The necessity for progress demanded new agencies and new methods in accordance with the spirit of the times, and these have been potent in nearly every portion of the land.

The late Barnas Sears, D. D., LL. D., formerly Secretary of the Board of Education in this state, President of Brown University, and late Agent of the Peabody Fund, in a History of Educational Progress during the past fifty years to be read at a late session of the American Institute of Instructoin at Saratoga, pays the following tribute to one of the chief agencies which has been and is now exerting a powerful influence for good. In reviewing events in their order, he says, "We shall soon perceive that normal schools open a wide field of thought entirely new to a majority of primary teachers, and that igno-

rance on these points is the prolific source of nine-tenths of the failures in our primary schools. Animal life does not differ more from dead mechanical movements than true normal teaching differs from the humdrum of too many of our schools. The basement of the old structure of common school education was of wood, hay, and stubble, and gave way the moment there was any pressure on it. The new basement is of granite, and it is laid on the primitive rock." The improvements made and the results secured in the schools of the most favored localities must be seen to be realized. Our own schools have made good and in some respects great progress, but a great work is yet to be done before their full power to bless is felt,—before ignorance, superstition, bigotry, quackery, and demagogues shall lose their power to enslave and degrade portions of mankind.

Let it not be inferred that because we find so much that now needs reforming in our schools, that those of the past were worthless or unworthy of confidence. Despite their faults they have made us what we are,—morally, socially and mentally a favored people. To make them more useful has been and must ever be our aim and end. All mistakes of the past and the present, of whatever nature, must be discovered and corrected in the future.

It is of prime importance that our schools should teach practical knowledge, and in such a manner that the learner shall be best prepared to acquire more, to the exclusion of the trash and mere theories that make many of the text books so large and expensive. We have therefore eliminated from the schools some useless matter that formerly occupied much time, but on comparing the topics now studied with those of many other schools of the highest excellence, it is found that the elimination is not nearly completed. As visits to the schools are not frequent enough for us to exercise entire supervision in this matter, we have instructed teachers to exercise their judgments and to teach only those topics which are of practical utility either as a means or an end; but traditionary habits are so potent that too much earnest effort has been, and is yet, expended almost in vain.

It is now known that many of the failures in the schools have resulted from a false conception of the true nature of educational processes and methods. Too often have the most earnest efforts contributed to the apparent stupidity of pupils, and as often have we been prone to make Nature responsible for the

defect, and to feel complacent about it. As we compare results now obtained with those secured years ago, we can only wonder that we did not sooner see and reform more that was wasteful and wrong. But history proves that all popular reforms progress slowly, and the writer is profoundly impressed by the fact that one life, however devoted it may be, is too brief to learn all that an educator of children needs to know.

Col. F. W. Parker, late Superintendent of Schools in Quincy, and now Supervisor in Boston, conceived the idea that good penmanship could be acquired more successfully and in much less time than formerly. Having furnished the required means and given his teachers the necessary instructions, they heartily engaged in the work, and the result proved that he was not mistaken. Many other towns have used the same means with similar results. Having witnessed the rapid and remarkable improvement made in other schools, we felt it our duty to be guided by such experience and counsel. Supplies were secured at small expense, and directions were given as definitely as we were able, and in most of the schools our expectations were more than realized. The method of teaching is no longer an experiment, and we shall insist upon its general adoption. The system is based on the philosophy that one must have in his mind a definite conception of the exact form of a letter *before he is able to reproduce it*. Hence one must begin by studying the form of a letter, and when the model is *in the mind*, he is then prepared to attempt its reproduction with success. In this as in other studies, if the teacher has indefinite conceptions of the end to be obtained and the processes by which it is to be secured, only indefinite and unsatisfactory results need be expected. We have it from the highest authority that "it requires high art to teach a child, far more even than to paint a picture or to chisel a statue. The artist operates on gross material matter; the teacher on the finest spiritual organization that God ever created. Who then should *dare* or be allowed to assume the duties and vast responsibilities of an educator without having first secured that special preparation so indispensable in every profession, and without which partial if not entire failure is sure to follow?"

There appears to be a popular fallacy that the acquisition of knowledge is the chief purpose of the school, but acquiring knowledge by mental effort is only a means to secure a far nobler end,—the mental, moral, physical, and religious devel-

opment of the mind, thus forming the perfect man. Any teaching that does not have this end in view is defective, no matter how much may be memorized.

During the year we have supplied the schools with a small book called "Natural History and Language." The results expected from its use are, habits of observation, a knowledge of some of the facts of Natural History necessary to its future scientific study, and the ability to express orally and by writing in good English the thoughts excited by the study of the object placed before them. It is practically a series of object lessons in penmanship, composition, spelling, and use of capital letters and punctuation marks. In most schools the interest excited by its use has been very gratifying. One teacher says, "My scholars are delighted with it," and the excellence of their papers proved the facts. Mr. Upham of the high school generously offers to supply teachers with specimens from his cabinet when not readily obtained at home.

Occasional teachers' meetings have been held during the year with good results. On application to the indefatigable Secretary of the Board of Education, a Teachers' Institute was held here, conducted by Agent Walton, and Master Clark of the Gaston School, Boston. These gentlemen have been life-long teachers, laboring under such varying circumstances as to afford them the widest and best possible opportunities for observing, comparing, and forming just conclusions. To this meeting the public were invited, and were well represented. No one present need be told that the lessons, illustrations and suggestions given by them were eminently practical and useful. In fact the good effects were visible in the schools immediately. No educators can afford to neglect such opportunities for improvement, or if they can, the cause in which they engage cannot afford to have them. Where the method of teaching primary reading by the use of the blackboard as illustrated by Mr. Walton, has been skillfully employed, there is found none of that harsh, measured, and unintelligible reading so common in many schools, and so difficult to overcome.

The method of teaching Geography explained by Mr. Clark is the one employed in our normal and generally in the best schools in the country. It contemplates a great saving of time and cost of text books, renders the subject more interesting, and secures to the pupil a more practical knowledge. But it is unfortunately true that the best methods of teaching prove mere shams when imperfectly understood or unskillfully applied. Under such circumstances "that which is best adminis-

tered is best," but such circumstances ought not to occur in the school-room.

The trustees of the high school have generously given teachers permission to use a portion of their library to supplement and enlarge the work of the schools. Much valuable information, otherwise inaccessible to many pupils, has been obtained and highly appreciated. Our thanks are due to those teachers who have so cheerfully endeavored to extend their usefulness by selecting and encouraging the reading of good books.

Inclination as well as justice requires us to say a few words for teachers. To them we commit our dearest interests—the training and culture of our children at that plastic age when their minds, like the twig, are as readily inclined in the wrong as the right direction. If they do their whole duty they must be constant learners, they need to exercise the utmost skill, care and patience; few of them can endure the strain to the nervous system long without physical suffering. If, as sometimes happens, one has to pay half her salary for board, and to draw heavily on the other half for traveling expenses, wardrobe, professional literature, calls for charity, and various other necessary incidentals, what has she left for vacation or a sick day but kind friends, a missionary spirit, and resignation? Such teachers as we need will not long remain in our service without a just compensation. Like most persons, they will go where their services are appreciated, and fairly rewarded. We respectfully suggest that true economy demands that sufficient means be provided to induce skillful teachers to come and remain with us. No one need expect a higher salary till she has proved herself worthy of it, but when that fact is indisputable, justice requires the increase.

Schools are supported solely to promote the interests of our youth and the future resultant good to society and the state, and these are the only considerations that can govern in selecting a teacher. Knowledge and skill are indispensable; experience is often very valuable, but not of itself reliable, for experience is not skill, and no amount of practice in wrong teaching can ever make it good.

School books will be supplied by the town agent, at John F. Converse's store. The Spring term of school will begin April 18. Fall term, August 29. Winter term, November 28.

W. K. PIERCE,	} <i>School Committee</i>
JOSEPH L. WOODS,	
JAMES R. BROWN,	
	<i>of</i>
	<i>Brimfield.</i>

Brimfield, March 2, 1881.

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TOWN OFFICERS.

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TOWN CLERK AND TREASURER,
HENRY F. BROWN.

SELECTMEN AND OVERSEERS OF POOR,
CHENEY NEWTON, SAMUEL W. BROWN,
EDWARD BLISS.

ASSESSORS,
SANFORD BOOTH, EDWARD H. MORGAN,
CHARLES A. HOMER.

SCHOOL COMMITTEE,
JOSEPH L. WOODS, J. READ BROWN,
THOMAS J. MORGAN.

COLLECTOR,
JONATHAN P. WEBBER.

CONSTABLES,
FRANCIS E. COOK, HENRY A. WEBBER.

Warrant for Annual Meeting, April 3, 1882.

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS.

HAMPDEN SS. To either of the Constables of the Town of Brimfield.

GREETING :

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are hereby directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of the town of Brimfield, qualified to vote in town affairs, to meet at the Town Hall, in said Brimfield, on Monday, the third day of April next, at ten o'clock in the forenoon, to act on the following articles :

First. To choose a Moderator to preside at said meeting.

Second. To choose all necessary town officers for the ensuing year, also, all committees and agents, that the business of the town may require.

Third. To hear reports of officers and agents heretofore chosen by the town, and act thereon.

Fourth. To raise money for the support of schools for the ensuing year.

Fifth. To raise money for the support of highways, town-ways and bridges, and direct how the same shall be expended.

Sixth. To raise money for the payment of town debts, and to defray expenses for the current year.

Seventh. To see if the town will accept the report of the Selectmen for revising the list of jurors.

Eighth. To see if the town will authorize the Town Treasurer to borrow money in anticipation of taxes of the current year. Also, to borrow money to renew, replace or pay any existing loan or loans, or any part thereof.

Ninth. To see if the town will allow a discount on taxes if paid within certain periods, or act thereon.

Tenth. To see what disposition the town will make of their dog fund, or act thereon.

Eleventh. To see if the town will authorize the Collector to use the means for collecting taxes, which the Town Treasurer may use, when appointed Collector.

Twelfth. To see if the town will cause to be printed the reports of their town officers and agents, or any parts of the same.

Thirteenth. To see if the town will accept the provisions of Chapter 158 of the acts of 1871, in relation to road commissioners, and if so, to bring in their votes for three road commissioners.

Fourteenth. To bring in their votes (yes or no) upon the question, "Shall licenses be granted for the sale of intoxicating liquors in this town?"

Fifteenth. To see if the town will authorize the Town Treasurer to deed a certain piece of land (east of the road near the South brick school-house) to William N. Hitchcock, or act thereon.

Sixteenth. To see whether the town will, by its vote, or otherwise, ask the Legislature to extend to women, who are citizens, the right to hold town offices, and to vote in town affairs on the same terms as male citizens.

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting an attested copy of the same at the Town Hall, also one at the center post-office, and by mailing one each to the East and West Brimfield post-offices, and by mailing, or otherwise sending, one to Fosket's Mills in said Brimfield, seven days at least before the time of holding said meeting.

Hereof fail not, and make due return of this warrant, with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk of said Brimfield at the time and place of meeting aforesaid.

Given under our hands this eleventh day of March, in the year one thousand, eight hundred and eighty-two.

CHENEY NEWTON,	} <i>Selectmen</i> <i>of</i> <i>Brimfield.</i>
SAMUEL W. BROWN,	
EDWARD BLISS,	

Assessors' Report.

Valuation of Brimfield, 1881.

Value of real estate,	\$387,290 00
Value of personal estate,	89,113 00
Total,	<u>\$476,403 00</u>
Number of polls,	311
Tax on polls,	\$2 00
Rate of tax,	\$14 00 on \$1,000 00
Money secured by mortgage,	\$5,300 00
Money unsecured,	1,900 00
Money on hand, including deposits taxable,	100 00
Stocks in corporations without the State,	\$27,000 00
Number of horses,	228
Number of cows,	800
Number of sheep,	175
Number of dwelling-houses taxed,	250
Number of acres assessed,	20,650

ASSESSMENT.

For State tax,	\$495 00
County tax,	590 28
Repair of highways,	1,100 00
Repair of bridges,	150 00
Snow paths,	150 00
Schools,	1,500 00
Repair of school-houses,	100 00
Support of paupers,	1,000 00
Officers' salaries,	500 00
Miscellaneous expenses,	500 00
Unusual expenses,	200 00
Town debt and interest,	500 00
Discount on taxes,	300 00
Overlayings,	219 06
Total tax,	<u>\$7,304 34</u>

SANFORD BOOTH,
EDWARD H. MORGAN, } *Assessors.*
CHARLES A. HOMER, }

Auditors' Report.

Report of the receipts and expenditure of the town of Brimfield
for the year ending March 8, 1882.

PAYMENTS FOR REPAIRS OF HIGHWAYS.

1881.			
June 6.	Paid Henry Blodgett,	\$63 00	
1882.			
March 6.	Paid Henry Blodgett,	15 00	
		<hr/>	\$78 00
1881.			
June 6.	Paid Benjamin B. Fenton,	\$46 50	
Sept. 6.	Benjamin B. Fenton,	31 62	
Nov. 7.	Benjamin B. Fenton,	18 15	
		<hr/>	96 27
June 6.	William A. Bennett,	\$96 80	
Aug. 1.	William A. Bennett,	9 05	
Sept. 6.	William A. Bennett,	30 60	
Nov. 7.	William A. Bennett,	18 90	
1882.			
March 6.	William A. Bennett,	2 85	
		<hr/>	158 20
July 4.	Moses H. Baker,	\$91 21	
		<hr/>	91 21
July 4.	E. B. Webber,	\$71 75	
Nov. 7.	E. B. Webber,	31 25	
Dec. 5.	E. B. Webber,	15 45	
		<hr/>	118 45
July 4.	Albert D. Thomas,	\$75 75	
Dec. 5.	Albert D. Thomas,	14 61	
		<hr/>	90 36
July 4.	John C. Spring,	\$169 30	
Nov. 7.	John C. Spring,	136 81	
Dec. 5.	John C. Spring,	56 93	
		<hr/>	363 04
Aug. 1.	Orus E. Parker,	\$22 76	
		<hr/>	22 76

1881.			
Oct. 3.	Paid Milo S. Booth,	\$40 50	
Nov. 7.	Milo S. Booth,	14 00	
		<hr/>	\$54 50
Dec. 5.	Edward B. Brown,	\$37 95	
		<hr/>	37 95
Nov. 7.	Elisha C. Marsh,	\$7 50	
		<hr/>	7 50
1882.			
March 6.	William H. Green,	\$1 75	
		<hr/>	1 75
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			\$1,119 99

FOR SUPPORT OF BRIDGES.

1881.			
May 2.	Paid John S. Needham, for plank,	\$34 98	
July 4.	Albert D. Thomas,	1 50	
Aug. 1.	Dwight P. Allen,	19 60	
Nov. 7.	D. Shaw & Son, for timber,	37 00	
" 7.	E. B. Webber, timber,	6 60	
" 7.	E. B. & H. A. Webber, plank,	61 47	
" 7.	John C. Spring, plank,	11 88	
Dec. 5.	A. D. Thomas,	4 66	
" 5.	B. B. Fenton, lumber and		
	labor,	16 36	
" 5.	Town of Palmer, for river		
	bridges,	125 94	
" 5.	S. W. Brown, for plank,	27 92	
" 5.	J. C. Spring,	26 20	
		<hr/>	
			\$374 11

FOR SNOW PATHS.

1881.		
March 26,	Paid Daniel Eagan,	\$1 72
April 2.	James N. Buxton,	1 50
" 2.	B. G. Webster,	4 80
" 2.	M. A. Cheever,	18 93
" 2.	W. J. Brown,	6 25
May 2.	James N. Buxton,	1 18
" 2.	E. C. Marsh,	1 50

1882.

March 6.	Paid A. D. Thomas,	\$11 10
" 6.	C. B. Moulton,	2 62
" 6.	B. B. Fenton,	16 00
" 6.	W. A. Bennett,	20 02
" 6.	O. E. Parker,	18 99
" 6.	T. J. Morgan,	3 15
" 6.	James Noyes,	4 20
" 6.	Wm. H. Green,	5 70
" 6.	E. B. Webber,	15 22
" 6.	John C. Spring,	58 91
" 6.	Milo S. Booth,	26 17
" 6.	Alonzo Allen,	9 00
" 6.	Horace E. Janes,	7 45
" 6.	D. W. Janes,	2 70
" 6.	M. A. Cheever,	11 85
		<hr/> \$248 96

FOR SUPPORT OF SCHOOLS.

Paid for wages and board of teachers, for fuel and care of school-houses, for the year ending March 8, 1882:

NAME OF TEACHERS.	No. of School.	Wages, Summer Term.	Wages, Fall Term.	Wages, Winter Term.	Fuel and Care of Houses.	Total.
Susie J. Makepeace,	1	\$72 00	\$00 00	\$00 00		
Julia P. Leonard,	1	00 00	72 00	00 00		
Rebecca Mayo,	1	00 00	00 00	108 00	\$29 12	\$281 12
Florence M. Herrick,	2	63 00	81 00	108 00	16 67	268 67
Christine Law,	3	58 50	00 00	00 00		
Hattie I. Doane,	3	00 00	63 00	90 00	2 00	213 50
R. M. Lincoln,	4	54 00	54 00	00 00		
Lizzie J. Traverse,	4	00 00	00 00	76 00	10 25	194 25
Martha E. Stone,	5	54 00	54 00	00 00		
Emma J. Blashfield,	5	00 00	00 00	72 00	22 50	202 50
Emma M. Green,	6	16 00	00 00	00 00		
Lizzie J. Traverse,	6	00 00	54 00	00 00		70 00
	7	No	school.			
Lizzie J. Traverse,	8	54 00	00 00	00 00		
Martha E. Stone,	8	00 00	00 00	60 00	50	114 50
Mary Buxton,	9	14 00	00 00	00 00		
Emma J. Blashfield,	9	00 00	40 50	00 00		
Abbie L. Andrews,	9	00 00	00 00	49 50		104 00
Abbie A. Brown,	10	72 00	00 00	00 00		
Ruth R. Cortis,	10	00 00	72 00	96 00	19 87	259 87
		\$457 50	\$490 50	\$659 50	\$100 91	\$1708 41
Total,					\$1,708	1

FOR OTHER EXPENSES FOR SCHOOLS.

Paid town of Wales for schooling, 1879-80,	\$12 09	
for crayons,	10 85	
A. C. Stockin for books,	12 94	
J. Read Brown, for bills paid,	5 40	
J. F. Converse, for supplies,	1 25	
	<hr/>	\$42 53
Total payments for school,		<hr/> \$1,750 94
To this amount add for		
Due John A. Boyle for books,	\$38 43	
J. F. Converse cash paid for books,	6 19	
Henry Blodgett, wood for No. 10,	5 50	
Richard Arnold, wood for No. 9,	5 00	
Rufus Fosket, for wood for No. 3,	16 50	
J. L. Woods, for bills paid,	11 70	
W. S. Cowdery, for wood,	80	
J. F. Converse,	13 79	
	<hr/>	97 91
Paid and due for schools,		<hr/> \$1,858 85
From the above deduct the amount due from		
Palmer for schooling,	\$5 86	
Received from Samuel Hodgson, for schooling,	5 00	
C. B. Carpenter,	2 50	
J. L. Woods, for books sold,	1 30	
J. Read Brown, " "	5 40	\$20 56
		<hr/>
Cost for resident pupils,		\$1,838 29

APPROPRIATIONS FOR SCHOOL.

For wages and board of teachers, fuel, and		
care of school houses,	\$1,400 00	
For conveyance of pupils and other expenses		
for schools,	100 00	
Town's proportion of school fund,	221 66	\$1,721 66
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Excess of expenditures,		\$116 63

FOR REPAIRS OF SCHOOL HOUSES.

1881.

May 2.	Paid John Marcell, No. 2,	\$2 00
June 6.	F. L. Cowdery, No. 9,	2 65
Nov. 7.	J. Read Brown, No. 10,	52 34
March 6.	W. S. Cowdery, No. 9,	5 00
" 6.	T. J. Morgan,	1 25
" 6.	J. Read Brown,	2 10
" 6.	William S. Cowdery,	1 55
" 6.	E. E. Tarbell, No. 8,	50
		<hr/>
		\$67 39

FOR SUPPORT OF PAUPERS.

1881.

May 2.	Paid Northampton Hospital for Mrs. Bradley,	\$48 19
" 2.	State for support D. C. Colgrove,	13 00
" 2.	B. G. Webster, salary as warden,	400 00
" 2.	B. G. Webster, balance of account,	3 57
" 2.	B. E. Sibley, care of William M. Vallette,	2 00
June 6.	J. F. Chandler, for creamery,	34 00
July 4.	Worcester Hospital, for William M. Vallette,	33 22
Aug. 1.	State for support D. C. Colgrove,	13 00
" 1.	Northampton Hospital, for Mrs. Bradley,	45 78
" 1.	Cheney Newton, expenses Stone children,	6 23
" 1.	John F. Converse, supplies for Adams,	9 91
" 1.	Dr. G. F. Chamberlain, for Adams family,	20 25
Sept. 6.	Town of Palmer, for Colgrove family,	21 37
" 6.	Cheney Newton, for Lizzie M. Stone,	10 00
" 6.	Dr. H. G. Webber, for William M. Vallette,	1 50
Nov. 7.	S. W. Brown, for William B. Groves,	11 20
" 7.	J. F. Converse, for William B. Groves,	28 63
" 7.	Northampton Hospital, for Mrs. Bradley,	45 97
" 7.	Worcester Hospital, for William M. Vallette,	19 89
" 7.	State, for George Needham,	17 75
" 7.	E. M. Turner, for Susan A. Stone,	10 00
" 7.	State, for D. C. Colgrove,	13 00

1882.

Jan. 2,	Dr. William Holbrook, telegram,	65
" 2.	J. F. Converse, for William B. Groves,	9 00
March 6.	State for D. C. Colgrove,	13 00

1882.

Feb. 6.	Paid P. F. Spaulding's estate, for W. B. Groves,	\$33 89	
" 6.	P. F. Spaulding's estate, for C. F. Adams,	2 67	
March 6.	S. W. Brown, for W. B. Graves,	9 80	
" 6.	P. F. Spaulding's estate, for Groves and Young,	7 60	
" 6.	J. F. Converse, for Lizzie Young,	1 30	
" 6.	J. F. Converse, for William B. Groves,	3 91	
" 6.	Northampton Hospital for Mrs. Bradley,	42 72	
" 6.	Orders for cash advanced for Alms House,	480 00	
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			\$1,413 00

FOR OFFICERS' SALARIES.

SELECTMEN.

1881.

April 2.	Paid Cheney Newton, for 1880-		
	1881,	\$31 00	
" 2.	Moses H. Baker, for 1880-		
	1881,	28 00	
" 2.	Dwight P. Allen, for 1880-		
	1881,	18 25	
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			\$77 25

OVERSEER OF POOR.

April 2.	Paid Cheney Newton, for 1880-		
	1881,	\$25 00	
" 2.	M. H. Baker, for 1880-1881	6 50	
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			31 50

ASSESSORS.

Nov. 7.	Paid Sanford Booth,	\$23 30	
" 7.	Edward H. Morgan,	26 00	
" 7.	Charles A. Homer,	26 00	
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			75 30

SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

1882.

March 6.	Paid J. Read Brown,	\$29 00	
" 6.	Thos. J. Morgan,	22 00	
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			51 00

SEXTON.

1881.			
April 2.	Paid Francis E. Cook,	\$18 00	
Sept. 6.	“ “	17 00	
1882.			
Jan. 2.	“ “	18 00	
		<hr/>	\$53 00

JANITOR TOWN HOUSE.

April 2.	Paid Needham Moulton,	\$25 00	
July 4.	“ “	25 00	
Oct. 3.	“ “	25 00	
1882.			
Jan. 2.	“ “	25 00	
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LIBRARIAN.

April 2.	Paid Charles A. Homer,	\$12 50	
June 6.	“ “	12 50	
Sept. 6.	“ “	12 50	
Nov. 7.	“ “	8 33	
March 6.	Louis S. Brown,	16 66	
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COLLECTOR.

Sept. 6.	Paid Jonathan P. Webber for 1880,	\$60 00	
March 6.	Jonathan P. Webber two- thirds for 1881,	40 00	
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1881.			
March 26.	Elijah Allen, overseer of poor, 1879,	1 06	1 06
April 2.	F. E. Cook, serving war- rants,	2 50	
Sept. 6.	F. E. Cook, service as Constable,	1 50	
1882.			
Jan. 2.	F. E. Cook, return of deaths,	4 60	

Jan. 2.	Paid F. E. Cook, serving war-		
	rants,	\$2 50	\$11 10
" 2.	Cheney Newton, auditor		
	1881,	5 00	5 00
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			\$567 70

FOR MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSES.

1881.

April 2.	Paid Wm. C. Blashfield, for kin-	
	dlings,	\$0 80
" 2.	Cheney Newton, sundries,	3 69
May 2.	Springfield Printing Co.,	
	town reports,	30 00
" 2.	Springfield Printing Co.,	
	for library,	3 50
" 2.	Ladd Bros. & Co., insurance	
	on alms house,	21 00
" 2.	J. F. Converse, for town	
	house,	6 01
" 2.	S. S. Taft, Esq., on Holden	
	case,	10 00
" 2.	W. J. Melvin, printing	
	school report,	9 00
June 6.	Mrs. J. W. Morgan, for wash-	
	ing town house,	1 85
" 6.	J. P. Webber, for abate-	
	ments,	58 37
July 4.	A. E. Lee, cleaning clock at	
	town house,	1 25
Aug. 1.	Everett Sherman, painting	
	at town house,	2 00
" 1.	W. J. Melvin, printing tax	
	bills,	3 00
Sept. 6.	Everett J. Himes, cleaning	
	walks on common,	3 15
" 6.	Marcus H. Smith, cleaning	
	walks on common,	1 50
" 6.	J. P. Webber, abatements,	8 20
Oct. 3.	Town of Wales, for taxes,	3 70
" 3.	J. F. Converse,	3 24

Nov. 7.	Paid Wm. C. Blashfield, for kin- dlings,	\$0 80
Dec. 5.	A. D. Thomas, for railing,	5 58
" 5.	B. B. Fenton, for railing,	18 00
" 5.	W. J. Brown, wood for town house,	32 88

1882

Jan. 2.	N. Moulton, for team to Wales,	1 00
" 2.	Joseph Champaux, burial expenses,	6 00
" 2.	G. H. Upham, work at cemetery,	17 28
" 2.	G. H. Upham, work at town house,	7 20
" 2.	J. F. Converse, supplies at town house,	8 09
March 6.	J. F. Converse, supplies at town house,	3 30
" 6.	E. E. Tarbell, repairs at town house,	2 35
" 6.	Back & Walker, sawing wood at town house,	1 00
" 6.	A. F. Fisher, stove-pipe, &c., at town house,	12 72
" 6.	James Harvey, bulletin board at town house,	3 00
" 8.	J. P. Webber, abatements,	31 96
" 8.	For State aid to soldiers,	120 00
" 6.	Ladd Bros. & Co., insurance school No. 1,	60 75

 \$502 17

FOR UNUSUAL EXPENSES.

1881.

June 6.	Paid John C. Love, head-stone,	\$20 00
" 6.	A. M. Knight & Son, for Urinal,	3 90
" 6.	Charles E. Townsend, for damage on highway,	67 50
Sept. 6.	R. A. Blodgett, for damage on highway,	2 00

Nov. 7.	Paid Wright & Emerson, for step railing,	\$58 00
" 7.	C. O Brown, for painting hearse-house,	13 25
" 7.	J. T. Brown,	4 00
" 7.	James Fiske & Co , lightning rods, town house,	100 00
" 7.	F. E. Cook, service as Constable,	2 00
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		\$270 65

APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE FOREGOING.

	Appropriations.	Payments.
For Repair of highways,	\$1,100 00	\$1,119 99
Support of bridges,	150 00	374 11
Snow paths,	150 00	248 96
Support of schools,	1,500 00	1,750 94
Proportion of school fund,	221 66	
Repair of school-houses,	100 00	67 39
Support of paupers,	1,000 00	1,413 00
Officers' salaries,	500 00	567 70
Miscellaneous expenses,	500 00	502 17
Unusual expenses,	200 00	270 65
Discount on taxes,	300 00	319 93
Dog fund,	68 35	
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Total payments,		\$6,634 84
Appropriations,		5,790 01
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Payments over appropriations,		\$844 83

COLLECTOR'S REPORT.

JONATHAN P. WEBBER, Collector for 1880.

DR.

1881.

March 20.	To balance tax of 1880, uncollected,	\$849 20
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1881.

May 6.	By paid Town Treasurer,	\$174 48
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June 6.	Town Treasurer,	158 37
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July 4.	Town Treasurer,	56 75
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" 13.	Town Treasurer,	121 58
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" 23.	Town Treasurer,	239 00
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Aug. 5.	Town Treasurer,	49 48
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Sept. 21.	Town Treasurer,	35 52
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1882.

Mar. 3.	Town Treasurer,	14 02
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\$849 20

JONATHAN P. WEBBER, Collector for 1881.

DR.

To Town Tax for 1881,	\$7,304 34
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1881.

July 19.	By paid Town Treasurer,	\$250 00
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" 23.	Town Treasurer,	200 00
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" 26.	Town Treasurer,	220 00
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Aug. 23.	Town Treasurer,	500 00
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" 27.	Town Treasurer,	300 00
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" 31.	Town Treasurer,	526 00
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1881.

Sept. 1.	By paid Town Treasurer,	\$302 90
" 2.	Town Treasurer,	250 00
	County tax,	590 28
	Discount allowed on above at 6 per cent.,	200 37
Nov. 1.	By paid Town Treasurer,	230 00
Dec. 8.	Town Treasurer,	225 00
" 17.	Town Treasurer,	196 55
" 24.	Town Treasurer,	405 00
" 30.	Town Treasurer,	625 00
" 31.	Town Treasurer,	808 01

1882.

Jan. 2.	Town Treasurer,	380 00
	Discount allowed on above at 4 per cent.,	119 56
Mar. 6.	By paid Town Treasurer,	115 00
	Town Treasurer,	91 96
	Balance certificate, 1881, uncollected,	768 71

 \$7,304 34

OVERSEERS OF POOR.

INVENTORY OF PERSONAL PROPERTY AT THE ALMSHOUSE.

1882.

March 8.	One horse,	\$65 00	
	One yoke of oxen,	140 00	
	Eleven cows,	330 00	
	One heifer,	20 00	
	Four shoats, 300 pounds,	24 00	
	Twenty hens,	10 00	
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	Fifteen tons English hay, at \$14,	210 00	
	Six tons meadow hay, at \$5,	30 00	
	Twenty-eight bushels corn, at .75,	21 00	
	Fourteen bushels rye, at .75,	10 50	
	One hundred lbs. of meal,	1 50	
	Twenty lbs. of rye meal,	50	
	Five bushels of oats,	2 00	
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	Provisions,	213 04	
	Farming tools,	249 71	
	Household furniture,	191 04	
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			\$1518 29

OVERSEERS OF POOR IN ACCOUNT WITH THE TOWN OF BRIMFIELD.

Dr.

1881.

March 16.	To Poor Farm as appraised March 16, 1881,	\$4,300 00
	Neat stock as appraised,	646 00
	Hay and grain,	277 00

To Farming tools and wood,	\$190 41
Provisions,	277 30
Household furniture,	235 86
Accounts due and uncollected,	24 80
One year's interest on above,	357 08
Orders paid on account Almshouse,	523 20
Cash advanced for Almshouse,	480 00
Amount due for horse-rake,	30 00
Amt. of Dr. G. F. Chamberlain's bill for medical attendance upon Wm. B. Groves,	72 00
Amt. due same for Lizzie Young,	6 00
Amt. due B. G. Webster, bal- ance of salary,	360 84
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	\$7,780 19

CR.

1882.

March 8. By Poor Farm as appraised this day,	\$4,300 00
Neat stock,	589 00
Hay and grain,	275 50
Farming tools and wood,	249 71
Provisions,	213 04
Household furniture,	191 04
Received for support of C. F. Adams,	3 00
Received for the support of C. F. Adams' family,	29 83
Balance, being the amount it has cost to support the poor,	1,929 07
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	\$7,780 19
From this balance,	1,929 07

Deduct the expense for those out of
the Almshouse, viz :

For Margaret Bradly,	\$182 66
Daniel C. Colgrove,	52 00
Wm. M. Vallette,	56 61
Wm. B. Groves and family,	172 84
Colgrove family,	21 37

For Mrs. Lizzie Young,	\$8 49	
George Needham,	17 75	
Wm. Murray,	65	
Susan and Lizzie Stone,	20 00	
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		\$1,396 70
Balance, the cost for those at		
the Almshouse,		\$1,396 70

Average number at Almshouse, 13+. Number of weeks board furnished, 677. Cost of each week's board, \$2.063+. Cost of each week's board after deducting interest on farm and stock \$1.535+.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

Henry F. Brown in account with the Town of Brimfield :

DR.

1881.

March 21.	To balance of settlement,	\$1,795 27
“ 21.	Cash for use of hall in 1880,	3 00
June 6.	Cash of Second Cong. church for rent,	125 00
July 4.	Cash borrowed of Hitchcock Free High School,	300 00
Sept. 1.	Cash received of J. P. Webber, interest on taxes, 1880,	24 48
Nov. 7.	Cash received of C. B. Carpen- ter for tuition,	2 50
Dec. 16.	Cash received of M. E. Shat- tuck for plank,	17 96
“ 10.	Cash from State for Corpora- tion tax,	89 81
“ 10.	Cash from State for National Bank tax,	487 21
“ 10.	Cash from State Aid re-im- bursed,	120 00
“ 10.	Cash from State for State paupers,	3 00

1882.

Jan. 19.	Cash from County Treasurer, dog fund,	66 95
“ 26.	Cash from State, proportion school fund,	221 66
“ 3.	Cash received S. Hodgson for tuition,	5 00
Feb. 14.	Cash received of West Brook- field for support of C. F. Adams' family,	29 83

1882.

Feb. 18.	To Cash of J. L. Woods for books sold,	\$1 30	
" 21.	Cash of town of Palmer for tuition,	5 86	
March 6.	Cash of J. Read Brown for books sold,	5 40	
" 6.	Cash of N. Moulton for rent of hall,	45 91	
	Received of J. P. Webber on certificate 1880,	849 20	
	Received of J. P. Webber on certificate 1881,	5,625 42	
		<hr/>	\$9,824 76

CR.

1881.

April 4.	By paid Electa Walker on note,	\$50 00	
July 18.	Paid A. Munroe, interest on note of \$1,000,	30 00	
" 23.	Paid J. L. Woods, administrator, interest on note,	13 25	
" 23.	Paid J. L. Woods, administrator, on note,	50 38	
" 23.	Paid Palmer Savings bank, interest on note,	50 00	
Sept. 4.	Paid note, Hitchcock Free High School,	300 00	
" 4.	Paid interest on same,	3 00	
Dec. 5.	Paid State tax,	495 00	

1882.

Jan. 14.	Paid Palmer Savings bank, interest on note,	38 75	
	Paid Wm. L. Blackmer, administrator, interest on note,	12 00	
	• Paid A. Munroe, interest on note,	30 00	
	Paid orders for repair of highways,	1,119 99	

By paid orders for repair of		
bridges,	\$374	11
Paid orders for snow paths,	248	96
Paid orders for support of		
schools,	1,750	94
Paid orders for repair of		
school-houses,	67	39
Paid orders for support of		
paupers,	1,413	00
Paid orders for officers'		
salaries,	567	70
Paid orders for miscellane-		
ous purposes,	502	17
Paid orders for unusual ex-		
penses,	270	65
Balance, cash in hands of		
Treasurer,	2,437	47
	<hr/>	\$9,824 76

LIABILITIES OF THE TOWN.

1882.

March 8.	Due Electa Walker, note and	
	interest, April 1,	\$1,045 56
" 8.	A. Munroe note and interest,	
	April 1,	1,015 00
	Wm. L. Blackmer, note and	
	interest, April 1,	494 68
	B. G. Webster, for salary,	
	April 1,	360 84
	Palmer Savings bank, note and	
	interest, April 1,	1,569 37
	Dog fund for 1880, not expended,	68 35
	Dog fund for 1881, not appro-	
	priated,	66 95
	For school bills unpaid,	91 91
	For snow paths, etc.,	60 00
	Dr. Chamberlain's bill reported,	78 00
	N. Moulton, janitor,	25 00
	J. P. Webber, collector,	20 00

Due A. Burbank,	\$29 00	
On bills not presented, estimated,	250 00	
	<hr/>	\$5,174 66

ASSETS.

1882.

March 8. Cash in the hands of Treasurer,	\$2,437 47	
Due from State for soldiers' aid,	120 00	
From Palmer for schooling,	6 50	
From Second Cong. church,	125 00	
For support of Wm. H. Pierce,	234 00	
For taxes uncollected,	768 71	
Town histories on hand,	80 00	
School books on hand,	83 96	
Balance, the amount of debt over		
assets,	1,319 02	
	<hr/>	\$5,174 66

Last year the town owed debts above	
assets of,	\$1,637 53
This year a debt over assets,	1,319 02

Difference, the amount of debt paid, \$318 51

Submitted by,

HENRY F. BROWN, }
 CHENEY NEWTON, } *Auditors.*
 SANFORD BOOTH, }

Town Clerk's Report.

MARRIAGES RECORDED IN BRIMFIELD IN 1881.

1881.	Bridegroom.	Residence.	Bride.	Residence.
Apr. 2.	Charles Rogers,	Brimfield.	Mary Davis,	Coventry, R. I.
May 31.	Miner H. Corbin,	Brimfield.	Sarah B. Brown,	Brimfield.
July 4.	Henry J. Joy,	Monson.	Sarah M. Thompson,	Palmer.
July 9.	Herbert F. Healey,	Brimfield.	Ida E. McCrellis,	Brimfield.
July 30.	Dornoe E. Parker,	Wales.	Fannie M. Butterworth,	Holland.
Aug. 15.	Daniel L. Griggs,	Brimfield.	Harriet N. Marsh,	Brimfield.
Dec. 21.	Charles D. Lloyd,	So. Fram'g'm.	Jennie A. Janes,	Brimfield.

BIRTHS RECORDED IN BRIMFIELD IN 1881.

1881.	Name of Child.	Sex.	Name of Parents.
Jan'y 3.	Mary L.,	F	Aleck and Helen Brothers.
Jan'y 28.	Orrin Arthur,	M	Edwin P. and Celia Frost.
March 15.	Hattie S.,	F	Wilbur G. and Cora A. Parker.
April 11.	Charles Lincoln,	M	Rev. Webster K. and Henrietta E. Pierce.
April 19.	Thomas,	M	Daniel and Mary Eagan.
April 23.	Mary,	F	Duffrel and Katie Luffler.
April 30.	Henry Adelbert,	M	Charles F. and Clara F. Adams.
June 6.	Freddie,	M	Joseph and Avillo Leno.
June 11.	Jesse Robert,	M	David W. and Ellen N. Putney.
June 20.	Julia Etta,	F	Edward W. and Julia Hitchcock.
July 18.	Alice Anvilla,	F	John C. and Addie S. Spring.
July 22.	Emily Woods,	F	Arthur A. and Mary F. Upham.
Aug. 1.	Clarinda,	F	Edward and Mary Wizzet.
Aug. 21.	Lottie M.,	F	David and Lucy A. Leno.
Aug. 24.	Howard Ernest,	M	Milo S. and Lizzie F. Booth.
Aug. 25.	Ella Delia,	F	Francis and Catharine Lock.
Aug. 27.	Angelina,	F	Noah and Ermina La Chapelle.
Oct. 9.	Aleck,	M	Arthur and Delia Bolark.
Oct. 17.	Harry Garfield,	M	William N. and Lillian Hitchcock.
Oct. 19.	Rosa Josephino,	F	John W. and Emily J. Brown.
Dec. 6.	Helena Pierce,	F	Andrew M. and Mary E. Dunsmore.

DEATHS RECORDED IN BRIMFIELD IN 1881.

1881.	Name.	Disease.	Age.
Jan. 2.	Lydia B. Thayer,	Heart Disease,	75 years, 1 mo. 22 days.
Feb. 5.	Ada Bartlett,	Consumption,	86 years, 2 mos. 6 days.
Feb. 15.	Annis Smith,	Consumption,	77 years, 4 mos. 3 days.
March 16.	Hattie S. Parker,		1 day.
March 17.	Susan P. Benson,	Consumption,	57 years, 11 mos. 11 days.
March 29.	Mercy Whittiam,	Heart Disease,	67 years, 4 days.
May 2.	Ida F. McCrellis,	Scarlet Fever,	2 years, 10 mos. 18 days.
May 10.	Lovina Needham,	Pneumonia,	72 years, 11 mos. 10 days.
June 8.	Lizzie A. Groves,	Pneumonia,	6 mos. 2 days.
June 19.	Lizzie M. McCrellis,	Scarlet Fever,	17 years, 11 mos. 29 days.
July 19.	Thomas Eagan,	Chol. Infantum,	3 mos.
Aug. 31.	John Collis,	Asthma,	63 years, 3 mos. 2 days.
Sept. 19.	Jemima Groves,	Old Age,	107 years, 16 days.
Sept. 29.	Julietta Gardner,	Typhoid Fever,	44 years, 2 mos. 13 days.
Oct. 20.	Sarah A. Webber,	Cancer,	59 years, 5 mos. 24 days.
Nov. 4.	Henry Wyles Converse,	Spinal Disease,	1 year, 9 mos.
Nov. 9.	Jesse Robert Putney,	" "	4 mos. 28 days.
Nov. 27.	Hannah Moore,	Paralysis,	70 years, 6 days.
Dec. 10.	Mary B. Brown,	Old Age,	82 years, 9 mos. 18 days.
Dec. 28.	Caroline Bennett,	Liver Disease,	63 years, 2 mos. 9 days.

REPORT

OF THE

SCHOOL COMMITTEE

OF

BRIMFIELD,

FOR THE

Year Ending March, 1882.



SPRINGFIELD, MASS.:

PRESS OF SPRINGFIELD PRINTING COMPANY.

1882.

SCHOOL REPORT.

For the year 1882, the schools will commence as follows :

Spring Term.—Wednesday, April 12.

Fall Term.—Wednesday, August 23.

Winter Term.—The First Wednesday after the annual Thanksgiving.

There will be a Teachers' Meeting on each preceding Tuesday, at which teachers will be expected to be present promptly at the *time* and place, of which due notice will be given. Such meetings are so important that non-attendance will be considered a virtual resignation.

For a detailed report of the school expenses for the past year, we respectfully refer to the report of the auditing committee.

It has been assumed that the interest that parents would naturally take in the welfare of their children would be a sufficient motive so secure their regular attendance at school, but experience has proved that it cannot be relied on in many cases. The non-attendance in some schools is much too large to be accounted for as *necessary*. The State has therefore assumed partial control of the schools and has enacted laws compelling the attendance of all children at school.

For the information of the people we publish the following extracts from the Public Statutes, and the Truant Laws adopted by the Town.

CHAP. XLVII. SEC. 1—Every person having under his control a child between the ages of eight and fourteen years shall annually cause such child to attend, for at least twenty weeks, some public day school in the city or town in which he resides, which time shall be divided, so far as the arrangement of school terms will allow into two terms, each of ten consecutive weeks, and for every

neglect of such duty the person offending shall forfeit to the use of the public schools of such city or town a sum not exceeding twenty dollars; but, if the person so neglecting, was not able, by reason of poverty, to send such child to school, or if such child has attended for a like period of time a private day school approved by the school committee of such city or town, or is regularly attending a public or private day school, known as a half time school, also approved by them, or if such child has been otherwise furnished for a like period of time with the means of education, or has already acquired the branches of learning taught in the public schools, or if his physical or mental condition is such as to render such attendance inexpedient or impracticable, such penalty shall not be incurred.

CHAP. XLVIII. SEC. 10.—Each town shall make all needful provisions and arrangements concerning habitual truants and children between seven and fifteen years of age, who may be found wandering about in the streets or public places therein, having no lawful occupation or business, not attending school, and growing up in ignorance; and shall make such by-laws as shall be most conducive to the welfare of such children and to the good order of such town; and shall provide suitable places for the confinement, discipline and instruction of such children; such by-laws may be approved by the Judge of the Probate Court of the County, as well as in the manner provided for the approval of other by-laws by section 21 of chapter xxvii.

Truant Laws adopted at the Annual Town Meeting in
Brimfield, Hampden County, Massachusetts, April, 1881:

ARTICLE I.—Any minor child residing in the town of Brimfield, between the age of seven and fifteen years, who shall be guilty of being an habitual truant, or of wandering about in the streets or public places of the town, having no lawful occupation or business, not attending school, and growing up in ignorance; shall upon conviction thereof, be punished by fine not exceeding twenty dollars, or instead thereof may be committed to the Hampden County Truant-School at Springfield, Mass., for such time, not exceeding two years, as the justice or court having jurisdiction thereof may determine.

ART. II.—The Hampden County Truant-School at Springfield,

Massachusetts, is hereby assigned as an institution for instruction, house of reformation, and suitable place for the confinement, discipline and instruction of such children.

ART. III.—It shall be the duty of every truant-officer before making any complaint for offenses under these by-laws, to notify the offending child and his parents or guardian of the offense committed and of the penalty therefor, and if the truant officer can obtain satisfactory pledges for the restraint and reformation of the child, he may in his discretion forbear to prosecute so long as such pledges are faithfully observed and kept.

ART. IV.—These by-laws shall take effect on their approval as required by law.

Voted.—To adopt the above as the Truant Laws of the Town of Brimfield, and when approved by the proper tribunal all former Truant Laws of this Town are hereby repealed and become null and void.

A true copy,

Attest,

HENRY F. BROWN, *Town Clerk.*

HAMPDEN, SS., January 13, 1882.

The foregoing By-Laws are hereby approved.

W. S. SHURTLEFF,

Judge of Probate for said County.

“The Superintendent shall make the public school system a study, and keep himself thoroughly informed of the discipline and progress of instruction in other places, that he may prescribe the most efficient means for the advancement of the public schools of this city.”

Such is one of the duties demanded by the public of school officers,—and this is a most important one, for who can safely

assume that he is acting or judging wisely without comparing the results of his efforts with those of many others? The ablest and most successful educators feel compelled to profit by the experience of others engaged in the same vocation. All thus informed know that the schools of the country have for years been in a transitional state—gradually emerging from a state of a passive and torpid formality to one of intellectual activity. Once, if pupils could recite glibly from the text-book the dogmas they had memorized, whether they understood them or not, all were satisfied. Then, any one, with a fair executive ability and some knowledge—often very superficial,—of a limited number of studies, with a text-book in hand to read the questions and verify the answers, could *keep school*. Now, it is universally recognized that the educational process is a purely mental one, and is only in progress when the mind has passed from a passive to an active state, and that true teaching consists in exciting a love of knowledge, and the mind of the pupil to activity, and leading it to observe, to think and to discover truth by its own efforts, and also in selecting proper subjects or occasions for thought. The highest and noblest part of this world's work is thought, and its grandest achievements are the legitimate results of correct thinking, and only those who can develop and enlarge the mental powers of others can properly be called teachers. Much knowledge of many things is desirable, but no amount of it, of itself, constitutes a good education. Special knowledge for special occasions can be acquired at any time by special efforts, by any one whose mind has been properly trained by long-continued and well-directed study. Other things being equal, he is the best educated, who by the exercise of his own powers, is best able to discover a truth or learn a new thing, and any teaching that does not have this object in view is a fraud.

The principles and methods of teaching suggested in former reports have been continued with gratifying success where the agencies under our control have rendered it possible. Where they have been well understood and skillfully applied, more

progress has been secured in a few weeks than formerly in as many months. These methods which were brought to our attention by the persistent advocacy of enlightened friends of popular education and by attacks upon them unequaled in the history of educational reform, are now firmly intrenched in the school systems of all advanced communities. Persistent opposition and ridicule may retard the progress of any good work, but they have not the power to defeat it in the end. Such, at least, are the teachings of history, and such has proved true in this case. Let it be understood by all that our schools are *not* to be a "Sleepy Hollow" where one can wake from a Rip Van Winkle sleep and find no improvement, no reform, and no disposition to keep up with the spirit and progress of the times. Let it be insisted upon that all our school work shall be conducted on the same intelligent business principles that successful men employ in other vocations in life, then only shall we most fully realize the advantages our schools are able to afford. There is yet much to learn and many prejudices to be overcome before we can afford to relax our efforts.

The public are now appreciating the fearful waste of money, time, and opportunity from unskilled teaching. Multitudes of school reports and educational literature generally, give solemn warning to the "go-as-you-please" crowd of school-keepers who boast of their non-graduation of normal schools; who can learn nothing at institutes; who occasionally attend teachers' associations to visit and "have a good time;" have no money to waste on educational journals; don't believe in natural methods of teaching, etc., that they will find themselves not wanted sooner than they suspect. The public will not allow their dearest interests to suffer to afford employment to those who neglect to fit themselves to do good work. Every careful observer *knows* that some teachers will give a more intelligent idea of a given subject in a single lesson than others will in many. Each day's schooling and each lesson should add something substantial to each pupil's useful knowledge and to his ability to think correctly; his character must

be formed, his vicious propensities, if he has such, must be repressed; his moral nature, his heart, must be cultivated with his intellect, and teachers must be selected with respect to their ability to accomplish these objects.

Governor Berkeley thanked God there were no free schools in Virginia nor were there likely to be for a hundred years to come. We fear that too much of his spirit has descended to our times, for too often it is said that less schooling and cheap teachers will answer for certain children who are less fortunate in their birth through want, indifference, or illiteracy. Let it be borne in mind that the fundamental principle on which our system of education is based, is that the safety of the State and the welfare of society at large demand the education of all our youth without regard to parentage, class or condition. It is our duty to make a good, useful citizen, if possible, of every unfortunate or neglected boy. If any demand our sympathy and aid, it is those who have no power to help themselves. To consign such to cheap or indifferent teachers, is giving them stones when they need bread, and is little else than treason to them and to the welfare of society. We pay immense sums to support pauperism and to punish vice and do not complain. We submit that it is cheaper, more patriotic, and more Christian, to so educate as to prevent crime and pauperism than it is to support such expensive and superfluous luxuries.

During the year, we have been able to secure very favorable terms for exchanging the old geographies, long in use and very dilapidated, for new ones, especial contracts for future supplies have been made at a very large reduction from former prices. The schools are now generally supplied with as good text books as the market affords and the demand in the near future will be small.

More reading matter is desirable, but some teachers are partially supplying the want by books from the High School library. We fear that the advantages to be gained by the use of well selected books in connection with school work are greatly under-valued by the public. With a course of reading

such as a cultured teacher or a librarian ought to be able to prescribe, two terms of school in the year will undoubtedly give one a better preparation for the duties and responsibilities of citizenship in connection with proper reading than three without.

There has been a great amount of excellent work done in our schools the past year, and most of them are in a fine condition for future improvement if present teachers can be retained. That the public have taken renewed interest in their schools, is attested by the presence of large numbers of visitors and many complimentary remarks by them showing their appreciation. We cordially invite all to make themselves familiar with the schools by personal observation, and any suggestions or criticisms by such will be gratefully received. It has long been observed that the severest criticisms originate with those who are never seen in the schools or educational meetings, and who can have no accurate knowledge of them. With such it is useless to argue and the good cause must passively suffer whatever is inflicted upon it. An intelligent and faithful educator can only rely on the purity of his motives and the support of a well-informed and discriminating public sentiment. We have tried to be true to the sacred trust we have assumed and to be worthy of the confidence reposed in us, and we heartily thank those who have spoken to us so many kind and encouraging words. If we have failed to appreciate the nature of our duties and ignorantly or through indifference have allowed the schools to do unprofitable work long discarded by the united wisdom and experience of our ablest educators, others better informed and more faithful should take our places. Favoritism or personal interest must not be allowed for a moment to interfere with the public welfare.

Respectfully submitted,

J. L. WOODS, *Chairman School Committee.*

J. L. WOODS,	}	<i>School Committee of Brimfield.</i>
J. R. BROWN,		
T. J. MORGAN,		

BRIMFIELD, MARCH, 1882.

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TOWN OFFICERS.

1882.

TOWN CLERK AND TREASURER,
HENRY F. BROWN.

SELECTMEN,
SANFORD BOOTH, MOSES H. BAKER,
OSCAR F. BROWN.

ASSESSORS,
EDWARD H. MORGAN, SAMUEL W. BROWN,
ORUS E. PARKER.

OVERSEERS OF POOR,
HENRY F. BROWN, EDWARD BLISS,
THOMAS J. MORGAN.

SCHOOL COMMITTEE,
J. READ BROWN, THOMAS J. MORGAN,
NEWTON S. HUBBARD.

ROAD COMMISSIONERS,
MOSES H. BAKER, JOHN C. SPRING,
NEWTON S. HUBBARD.

COLLECTOR,
JONATHAN P. WEBBER.

CONSTABLES,
FRANCIS E. COOK, NEEDHAM MOULTON.

Warrant for Annual Meeting, April 2, 1883.

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS.

*HAMPDEN, SS. To Francis E. Cook, Constable of the Town of
Brimfield.*

GREETING :

In the name of said Commonwealth you are hereby directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of said town, qualified to vote in town affairs, to meet at the Town Hall in said Brimfield, on Monday, the second day of April next, at ten o'clock in the forenoon, to act on the following articles :

First. To choose a Moderator to preside at said meeting.

Second. To choose all necessary town officers for the ensuing year ; also, all committees and agents that the business of the town may require.

Third. To hear reports of officers and agents heretofore chosen by the town and act thereon.

Fourth. To raise money for the support of schools for the ensuing year.

Fifth. To raise money for the support of highways, town-ways and bridges, and direct how the same shall be expended.

Sixth. To raise money for the payment of town debts, and to defray expenses for the current year.

Seventh. To see if the town will accept the report of the Selectmen for revising the list of jurors.

Eighth. To see if the town will authorize the Town Treasurer to borrow money in anticipation of taxes of the current year. Also, to borrow money to renew, replace, or pay any existing loan or loans, or any part thereof.

Ninth. To see if the town will allow a discount on taxes, if paid within certain periods, or act thereon.

Tenth. To see what disposition the town will make of their dog fund, or act thereon.

Eleventh. To see if the town will authorize the Collector to use the means for collecting taxes, which the Town Treasurer may use when appointed Collector.

Twelfth. To see if the town will cause to be printed the reports of their town officers and agents, or any parts of the same.

Thirteenth. To bring in their votes (yes or no) upon the question, "Shall licenses be granted for the sale of intoxicating liquors in this town?"

Fourteenth. To see if the town will accept the provisions of Sections 69, 70, 71, 72 and 73 of Chapter 27 of the Public Statutes in relation to Overseers of Poor, and if so, to bring in their votes for three Overseers of the Poor.

Fifteenth. To see what action the town will take in relation to serving warrants for their meetings.

Sixteenth. To see whether the town will, by its vote or otherwise, ask the Legislature to extend to women, who are citizens, the right to hold town offices and to vote in town affairs, on the same terms as male citizens.

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting an attested copy of the same at the Town Hall, also one at the center Post Office, and by mailing one each to the East and West Brimfield Post Offices, and by mailing, or otherwise sending, one to Fosket's Mills, in said Brimfield, seven days at least before the time of holding said meeting.

Hereof fail not, and make due return of this warrant, with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk of said Brimfield, at the time and place of meeting aforesaid.

Given under our hands, this tenth day of March, in the year one thousand eight hundred and eighty-three.

SANFORD BOOTH,	} <i>Selectmen</i>
MOSES H. BAKER,	
OSCAR F. BROWN,	
	<i>of</i>
	<i>Brimfield.</i>

ASSESSORS' REPORT.

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Valuation of Brimfield, 1882.

Value of real estate,	-	-	-	-	-	\$387,590 00
Value of personal estate,	-	-	-	-	-	88,431 00
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Total valuation,	-	-	-	-	-	\$476,021 00
Number of polls,	-	-	-	-	-	319
Tax on polls,	-	-	-	-	-	\$2 00
Rate of tax,	-	-	\$15 00	on	\$1,000 00	
Money secured by mortgage,	-	-	-	-	-	
Money unsecured,	-	-	-	-	-	\$3,000 00
Money on hand including deposits taxable,	-	-	-	-	-	
Stocks in corporations without the State,	-	-	-	-	-	\$26,000 00
Number of horses,	-	-	-	-	-	217
Number of cows,	-	-	-	-	-	778
Number of sheep,	-	-	-	-	-	244
Number of dwelling-houses taxed,	-	-	-	-	-	242
Number of acres land,	-	-	-	-	-	20,650

ASSESSMENT.

For State tax,	-	-	-	-	-	-	\$660 00
County tax,	-	-	-	-	-	-	590 28
Repair highways and tools,	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,200 00
Support of bridges,	-	-	-	-	-	-	150 00
Snow paths,	-	-	-	-	-	-	150 00
Repair of school-houses,	-	-	-	-	-	-	100 00
Support of paupers,	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,100 00
Officers' salaries,	-	-	-	-	-	-	500 00
Miscellaneous expenses,	-	-	-	-	-	-	500 00
Unusual expenses,	-	-	-	-	-	-	300 00
Discount on taxes,	-	-	-	-	-	-	300 00
Town debt and interest,	-	-	-	-	-	-	500 00
Schools,	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,600 00
For overlayings,	-	-	-	-	-	-	128 04
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Total tax,	-	-	-	-	-	-	\$7,778 32

EDWARD H. MORGAN, }
 SAMUEL W. BROWN, } Assessors.
 ORUS E. PARKER, }

AUDITORS' REPORT.

Report of the receipts and expenditures of the town of Brimfield
for the year ending March 8, 1883.

PAYMENTS FOR REPAIRS OF HIGHWAYS.

1882.

April 3.	Paid Moses H. Baker,	-	-	\$1 37
" 3.	Henry Blodgett,	-	-	4 00
May 1.	Milo S Booth,	-	-	2 25
" 1.	Geo. W. Taft for road machine,			78 50
" 1.	Moses H. Baker,	-	-	75 15
" 1.	John C. Spring,	-	-	55 64
" 1.	E. B. Webber,	-	-	38 50
" 1.	Edward Bliss,	-	-	50
June 5.	Newton S. Hubbard,	-	-	188 36
" 5.	Benjamin B. Fenton,	-	-	32 26
July 3.	Benjamin B. Fenton,	-	-	19 25
" 3.	Milo S. Booth,	-	-	40 04
" 3.	William H. Shaw,	-	-	50 00
" 3.	Albert D. Thomas,	-	-	65 11
" 3.	Moses H. Baker,	-	-	141 02
" 3.	E. B. Webber,	-	-	40 75
" 3.	John C. Spring,	-	-	26 47
Aug. 7.	Newton S. Hubbard,	-	-	10 62
" 7.	Newton S. Hubbard,	-	-	47 50
Nov. 6.	Moses H. Baker,	-	-	24 93
" 6.	Newton S. Hubbard,	-	-	21 70
" 6.	Henry Blodgett,	-	-	19 00
" 6.	Benjamin B. Fenton,	-	-	27 16
" 6.	John C. Spring,	-	-	21 50
Dec. 4.	Albert D. Thomas,	-	-	15 57
				<hr/> \$1,047 15

FOR SUPPORT OF BRIDGES.

1882.

May 1.	Paid E. B. Webber,	-	-	-	\$29 43
July 3.	Samuel W. Brown, for plank,				16 68
Aug. 7.	Newton S. Hubbard,	-	-		52 78
Sept. 4.	E. B. Webber,	-	-	-	6 17
Oct. 2.	Moses H. Baker,	-	-	-	2 50
Nov. 6.	Newton S. Hubbard,	-	-		5 00
" 6.	John C. Spring,	-	-	-	11 67
" 6.	Moses H. Baker,	-	-	-	52 81
Dec. 4.	John F. Lombard, for plank,				68 10
					<hr/> \$245 14

FOR SNOW PATHS.

1882.

April 3.	Paid William Fosket,	-	-	-	\$7 44
" 3.	Dwight P. Allen,	-	-	-	1 80
" 3.	Moses H. Baker,	-	-	-	20 49
" 3.	Henry Blodgett,	-	-	-	16 00
" 3.	Edward B. Brown,	-	-	-	25 72
May 1.	Edward Bliss,	-	-	-	1 00
June 5.	Moses A. Cheever,	-	-	-	6 15
					<hr/> \$78 50

FOR SUPPORT OF SCHOOLS.

Paid for wages and board of teachers, for fuel and care of school-houses, for the year ending March 8, 1883:

NAME OF TEACHERS.	No. of School.	Wages, Summer Term.	Wages, Fall Term.	Wages, Winter Term.	Fuel and Care of Houses.	Total.
Rebecca F. Mayo,	1	\$81 00	\$00 00	\$00 00		
Rebecca M. Lincoln,	1	00 00	67 50	00 00		
M. Anna Tarbell,	1	00 00	00 00	90 00	\$28 68	\$267 18
A. J. Ewing,	2	72 00	00 00	00 00		
Addie L. Green,	2	00 00	54 00	00 00		
Lizzie J. Traverse,	2	00 00	00 00	81 00	15 22	222 22
Nellie J. L. Chamberlain,	3	63 00	63 00	84 00	38 88	248 88
Rebecca M. Lincoln,	4	54 00	00 00	00 00		
M. Anna Tarbell,	4	00 00	54 00	00 00		
Annie M. Brown,	4	00 00	00 00	53 25	20 50	181 75
Martha E. Stone,	5	54 00	54 00	72 00	23 50	203 50
Lizzie J. Traverse,	6	54 00	00 00	00 00		
Sarah E. Kenney,	6	00 00	10 00	00 00		
Mabel Prouty,	6	00 00	00 00	20 00		84 00
Carrie E. Manning,	7	54 00	00 00	00 00		
Jennie E. Livermore,	7	00 00	47 00	69 00	11 62	181 62
Lizzie J. Traverse,	8	00 00	54 00	00 00		
Emma J. Blashfield,	8	00 00	00 00	48 00	12 50	114 50
Annie M. Brown,	9	00 00	45 00	00 00		
Addie C. Dickinson,	9	00 00	00 00	63 00	24 30	132 30
Ruth R. Cortis,	10	72 00	72 00	90 00	28 00	262 00
		\$504 00	\$520 50	\$670 25	\$203 20	\$1897 95

Total,

\$1897 95

OTHER EXPENSES FOR SCHOOLS.

Paid J. L. Woods, expenses for 1881-82,	\$11 70
John A. Boyle, for books, 1881-82, -	38 43
N. S. Hubbard, bill for chairs, - -	2 00
J. F. Converse, for stove, - - -	7 00
J. F. Converse, for books, - - -	13 79
J. Read Brown, bills for conveyance,	
books, etc., - - - -	10 65
N. S. Hubbard, bills for stoves, etc.,	7 70
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	\$91 27
Total, - - - - -	<hr/>
	\$1,989 22

APPROPRIATION FOR SCHOOLS.

For wages and board of teachers, fuel,				
and care of school-houses,	-	-	\$1,500	00
For conveyance of pupils, and other ex-				
penses for schools,	-	-	100	00
Town proportion of school fund,	-	-	220	55
			<hr/>	\$1,820 55
Excess of expenditures over appropriation,				<hr/> \$168 67

FOR REPAIRS OF SCHOOL-HOUSES.

1882.

Aug. 7.	Paid J. Read Brown, for No. 3,	-	-	\$0 75
Oct. 2.	Daniel Haynes, for No. 1,	-	-	4 00
" 2.	N. S. Hubbard, for No. 3,	-	-	25 61
" 2.	J. Read Brown, for Nos. 4 and 9,	-	-	2 86
Nov. 6.	R. H. Arnold, for No. 9,	-	-	30 57
" 6.	J. Read Brown, for No. 1,	-	-	1 25
" 6.	N. S. Hubbard, for No. 3,	-	-	50
" 6.	Henry Blodgett, for No. 10,	-	-	9 75

1883.

Jan. 1.	T. J. Morgan, for Nos. 6 and 4,	-	-	3 00
March 5.	N. S. Hubbard, for Nos. 5 and 7,	-	-	8 60
" 5.	T. J. Morgan, for Nos. 1 and 4,	-	-	3 00
" 5.	J. Read Brown, for Nos. 3 and 9,	-	-	1 65
			<hr/>	\$91 54

FOR SUPPORT OF PAUPERS.

1882.

April 3.	Paid Dr. G. F. Chamberlain, for Wm. B.			
	Groves,	-	-	\$60 00
" 3.	Dr. G. F. Chamberlain, for Lizzie			
	Young,	-	-	5 00
" 3.	E. Livermore, for shoes,	-	-	2 70
" 3.	A. A. Burbank, for balance rake,	-	-	29 00
" 3.	Home for Little Wanderers, for Carrie			
	Stone and Calista Colgrove,	-	-	20 00
" 3.	For Mary J. Works,	-	-	2 00
" 3.	Palmer Journal, for advertising,	-	-	75

May 1.	Paid The State, for D. C. Colgrove,	-	-	\$13 00
" 1.	Pliny Earle, for M. Bradley,	-	-	43 69
" 1.	B. G. Webster, bal. salary,	-	-	365 50

1883.

March 5.	J. F. Converse, goods for Carrie Stone and Calista Colgrove,	-	-	4 55
" 5.	Overseers of Poor,	-	-	1,375 00
" 5.	T. J. Morgan, for expenses,	-	-	2 50
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				\$1,923 69

OFFICERS' SALARIES.

SELECTMEN.

1882.

April 3.	Paid Samuel W. Brown,	-	-	\$21 00
" 3.	Cheney Newton,	-	-	16 00
May 1.	Edward Bliss,	-	-	8 50
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				\$45 50

OVERSEERS OF POOR.

April 3.	Paid Samuel W. Brown,	-	-	\$9 50
" 3.	Cheney Newton,	-	-	28 00
May 1.	Edward Bliss,	-	-	10 00

1883.

March 5.	Moses H. Baker,	-	-	3 00
" 5.	Thomas J. Morgan,	-	-	25 00
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				\$75 50

ASSESSORS.

1882.

Oct. 2.	Paid Samuel W. Brown,	-	-	\$28 00
" 2.	Orus E. Parker,	-	-	20 00
Nov. 6.	Edward H. Morgan,	-	-	24 00
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				\$72 00

SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

May 1.	Paid Joseph L. Woods,	-	-	\$36 00
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1883.

March 5.	N. S. Hubbard,	-	-	41 00
" 5.	Thomas J. Morgan,	-	-	39 00
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				\$116 00

SEXTON.

1882.

April 3.	Paid F. E. Cook,	-	-	-	\$18 00
July 3.	F. E. Cook,	-	-	-	15 00

1883.

Jan. 1.	F. E. Cook,	-	-	-	24 00
" 1.	F. E. Cook, for return of				
	deaths,	-	-	-	7 00

 \$64 00

CONSTABLE.

1882.

April 3.	Paid F. E. Cook, as Truant				
	Officer,	-	-	-	\$0 50
" 3.	F. E. Cook, for serving				
	warrants,	-	-	-	2 50
July 1.	F. E. Cook, for serving				
	warrants,	-	-	-	1 00

1883.

Jan. 1.	F. E. Cook, for serving				
	warrants,	-	-	-	2 50

 \$6 50

AUDITORS.

1882.

April 3.	Paid Cheney Newton,	-	-	\$2 00
July 3.	Sanford Booth,	-	-	8 00

1883.

March 5.	H. F. Brown, for 1880-81,	12 00
" 5.	H. F. Brown, for 1881-82,	12 00

 \$34 00

JANITOR.

1882.

April 3.	Paid Needham Moulton,	-	-	\$25 00
July 3.	Needham Moulton,	-	-	25 00
Oct. 2.	Needham Moulton,	-	-	25 00

1883.

Jan. 1.	Needham Moulton,	-	-	25 00
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 \$100 00

LIBRARIAN.

1882.

July 3.	Paid Louis S. Brown,	-	-	\$12 50
Oct. 2.	Louis S. Brown,	-	-	12 50
Dec. 4.	Louis S. Brown,	-	-	12 50

1883.

March 5.	Louis S. Brown,	-	-	11 52	
				<hr/>	\$49 02

COLLECTOR.

1882.

Nov. 6.	Paid J. P. Webber, balance for			
	1881,	-	-	\$20 00

1883.

March 5.	J. P. Webber, two-thirds			
	salary for 1882, -	-	40 00	
			<hr/>	\$60 00

ROAD COMMISSIONER.

1883.

March 5.	Paid Moses H. Baker,	-	-	\$8 00	\$8 00
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TOWN CLERK.

1883.

March 5.	Paid	H. F. Brown, record of		
		births, etc., 1880,	-	\$17 25
" 5.		H. F. Brown, record of		
		births, 1881,	- -	15 65
" 5.		H. F. Brown, record of		
		births, 1882,	- -	15 45
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				\$48 35
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				\$678 87

FOR MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSES.

1882.

April 3.	Paid Cheney Newton, for ex-			
	penses, etc.,	-	-	\$10 64
May 1.	J. C. Hunter, land damage,			5 00
June 5.	George H. Upham, for re-			
	pairs, etc., -	-	-	7 70
July 3.	Wm. H. Lombard, mowing			
	cemetery, -	-	-	7 50

Aug. 7.	Paid Wm. H. Lombard, mowing cemetery, - - -	\$11 00
Oct. 2.	N. Moulton, for work on common, - - -	1 00
" 2.	S. W. Brown, postage paid,	2 00
" 2.	H. L. Beldin, for binding books, - - -	19 25
" 2.	W. J. Melvin, for tax bill,	3 00
" 2.	H. Foot & Co., for padlocks,	4 75
" 2.	John Gates, for sawing wood, - - -	9 00
" 2.	E. A. Janes, for wood, -	4 50
" 2.	W. C. Blashfield, for shavings, - - -	1 40
" 2.	Wm. H. Shaw, for wood, -	33 32
" 2.	Graves Crafts, for drawing stone, etc., - - -	9 75
" 2.	Springfield Printing Co., for reports, - - -	45 00
" 2.	Springfield Printing Co., record books, - -	6 30
Nov. 6.	J. P. Webber, for abatements, - - -	5 00
" 6.	G. H. Upham, - - -	5 60
Dec. 4.	Louis S. Brown, for freight,	45
1883.		
Jan. 1.	F. E. Cook, for work in cemetery, - - -	3 00
" 1.	Lockwood, Brooks & Co., for books, - - -	54 13
March 5.	J. T. Brown for scales, stone, etc., - - -	23 58
" 5.	J. F. Converse, supplies for town house, - -	8 61
" 5.	Town of Wales, tax, - -	3 02
" 5.	Morris & Copeland, - -	5 00
" 5.	F. F. Marcy, lumber for library, - - -	10 26
" 5.	A. F. Fisher, for oil pans, -	1 00

March 5.	Paid Louis S. Brown, for books,	\$7 82	
" 5.	Moses H. Baker, work at monument, - - -	1 50	
" 5.	H. F. Brown, for express and postage, paid, - -	15 22	
" 5.	E. J. Piper, for school desk irons, - - - -	1 15	
" 5.	H. F. Brown, treasurer, for State aid, paid, - -	78 00	
" 5.	J. P. Webber, for abatement of taxes, - - -	18 70	
		<hr/>	\$423 15

PAYMENTS OF INTEREST ON TOWN DEBT.

Paid Electa Walker, - - - -	\$55 00	
Palmer Savings Bank, - - -	77 50	
Amos Munroe, - - - -	60 00	
Wm. L. Blackman, administrator, -	24 00	
	<hr/>	\$216 50
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		\$639 65

UNUSUAL EXPENSES.

1882.

July 3.	Paid B. B. Fenton, for railing, - -	\$2 00
" 3.	N. L. Northern R. R., freight on cannon, - - - -	15 00
Sept. 4.	J. F. Lombard, drawing cannon, -	6 88
" 4.	E. B. Webber, for railing, - -	72 45
Oct. 2.	J. F. Lombard, for drawing safe, -	12 00
" 2.	N. L. N. R.R., freight on safe, -	13 71
" 2.	George W. Hall, for eave troughs, -	63 75
" 2.	Ira P. Thompson, for stone work, -	6 50
Nov. 6.	J. F. Lombard, for drawing stone, -	11 50
" 6.	J. F. Lombard, for drawing old safe,	4 00
" 6.	Wm. A. Thompson, stone for cannon,	40 00
" 6.	Herring & Co., for safe, - - -	375 00
" 6.	N. L. N. R. R., freight on old safe, -	4 55
Dec. 4.	Geo. Bacon, for wire fence, - -	15 00

1883.

Jan. 1.	Paid Herring & Co., refilling old safe, etc.,	\$29 60
March 5.	Daniel Haynes, land damage, - -	25 00
" 5.	E. E. Tarbell, work on cannon, etc., -	9 25
		<hr/> \$706 19

APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE FOREGOING.

	Appropriations.	Payments.
For Repair of highways and tools, -	\$1,200 00	\$1,047 15
Support of bridges, - - -	150 00	245 14
Snow paths, - - -	150 00	78 60
Support of Schools, - - -	1,600 00	1,989 22
Proportion of school fund, -	220 55	
Repair of school-houses, - -	100 00	91 54
Support of paupers, - - -	1,100 00	1,923 69
Officers' salaries, - - -	500 00	678 87
Miscellaneous expenses, - -	500 00	423 15
Unusual expenses, - - -	300 00	706 19
Discount on taxes, - - -	300 00	353 06
Town debt and interest, - -	500 00	216 50
Dog fund, - - -	66 95	
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Total payments, - - -		\$7,753 11
Appropriations, - - -		6,687 50
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Excess of payments over appropriations,		\$1,065 61

COLLECTOR'S REPORT.

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JONATHAN P. WEBBER, Collector for 1881.

Dr.

1882.

March 8.	To balance tax of 1881, uncollected,	-	-	-	\$768 71
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Cr.

April 18.	By paid Town Treasurer,	-	-	-	\$155 00
June 13.	Town Treasurer,	-	-	-	102 00
" 27.	Town Treasurer,	-	-	-	220 56
July 4.	Town Treasurer,	-	-	-	230 00
Oct. 23.	Town Treasurer,	-	-	-	61 15
					<hr/> \$768 71

JONATHAN P. WEBBER, Collector for 1882.

Dr.

To Town Tax for 1882,	-	-	-	-	-	\$7,778 32
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Cr.

Aug. 3.	By paid Town Treasurer,	-	-	-	\$625 00
" 4.	Town Treasurer,	-	-	-	100 00
" 21.	Town Treasurer,	-	-	-	759 50
" 28.	Town Treasurer,	-	-	-	500 00
Sept. 2.	Town Treasurer,	-	-	-	902 01
	County Tax,	-	-	-	590 28
	Discount allowed on above at 6 per				
	cent.,	-	-	-	221 92
Oct. 27.	By paid Town Treasurer,	-	-	-	149 83
Nov. 8.	Town Treasurer,	-	-	-	180 00
" 28.	Town Treasurer,	-	-	-	290 19

Dec. 16.	By Paid Town Treasurer,	-	-	-	\$460 00
" 28.	Town Treasurer,	-	-	-	810 80
" 30.	Town Treasurer,	-	-	-	573 04
1883.					
Jan. 2.	Town Treasurer,	-	-	-	683 58
	Discount allowed on above at 4 per				
	cent., - - - - -	-	-	-	131 14
March 5.	By paid Town Treasurer,	-	-	-	268 70
	Balance certificate, 1882, uncollected,	-			532 33
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					\$7,778 32

OVERSEERS OF POOR.

INVENTORY OF PERSONAL PROPERTY AT THE ALMSHOUSE.

1883.

March 8.	One horse, - - - -	\$65 00	
	One yoke of oxen, - - -	155 00	
	Eight cows, - - - -	200 00	
	One yearling, - - - -	15 00	
	Four shoats, - - - -	18 00	
	One sow, - - - -	15 00	
	Twenty hens, - - - -	10 00	
		<hr/>	\$478 00
	Seven and a half tons English		
	hay, at \$15, - - - -	\$112 50	
	Seven tons meadow hay, at \$5,	35 00	
	One ton oat straw, - - -	12 00	
	One and one-half tons rye		
	straw, - - - -	22 50	
	Five bushels corn, at .75, -	3 75	
	Fourteen bushels of rye, at .75,	10 50	
	Fifteen bushels of oats, at .50,	7 50	
	Four hundred lbs. of meal, -	6 00	
	One bushel buckwheat, - -	75	
		<hr/>	\$210 50
	Provisions, - - - -	\$215 63	
	Farming tools, - - - -	245 35	
	Household furniture, - - -	199 80	
		<hr/>	\$660 78
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			\$1,348 28
	Amount last year, - - -	\$1,518 29	
	Amount this year, - - -	1,348 28	
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	Difference,	\$170 01	

OVERSEERS OF POOR IN ACCOUNT WITH THE TOWN OF
BRIMFIELD.

Dr.

1882.

March 8.	To Poor Farm, as appraised March 8, 1882,	\$4,300 00
	Neat stock, as appraised, - - -	589 00
	Hay and grain, as appraised, - -	275 50
	Farming tools and wood, - - -	249 71
	Provisions, - - - - -	213 04
	Household furniture, - - - -	191 04
	One year's interest on the above, -	349 09
	Orders paid on acct. of Almshouse, -	61 19
	Cash advanced for Almshouse, - -	1,375 00
	Amount due J. A. Rice, bal. salary, -	135 01
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		\$7,738 58

Cr.

1883.

March 8.	By Poor Farm, as appraised this day, -	\$4,300 00
	Neat stock, as appraised this day, -	478 00
	Hay and grain, as appraised this day, -	210 00
	Farming tools and wood, - - -	245 35
	Provisions, - - - - -	223 79
	Household furniture, - - - -	199 80
	Loss on salt pork damaged, - - -	30 00
	Amount due from E. Cady, - - -	10 11
	Amount due for support of B. F. Burt,	4 40
	Balance being the amount it has cost	
	for support of the poor, - - -	2,037 13
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		\$7,738 58
	From this balance,	2,037 13

Deduct the expense for those out of
the Almshouse, and for repairs, viz:

For Margaret Bradley, -	\$178 08
Leonard Wilbur, -	68 50
Abner Nutting, - -	75 82
D. C. Colgrove, - -	25 00
Wm. Long family, -	34 04

For Adaline Fuller, - -	\$17 50	
Ellen Newton and child,	20 00	
Lizzie Young, - -	26 01	
Repairs, - - -	125 27	
	<hr/>	\$570 22
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		\$1,466 91

Balance, cost for those at Alms-
house, - - - - \$1,466 91

Average number at Almshouse, $12\frac{6}{7}$. Number of weeks board furnished, 672. Cost of each week's board, \$2.182+. Cost of each week's board, after deducting interest on farm and stock, \$1.663.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

Henry F. Brown in account with the Town of Brimfield:

DR.

1882.

March 8.	To balance of settlement, - - -	\$2,437 47
	Cash received of A. L. Converse, for windows, - - - - -	3 00
April 8.	Cash received of Springfield, for sup- port of B. F. Burt, - - - -	8 00
May 22.	Cash from Second Congregational Church, for rent, - - - -	125 00
Dec. 2.	Cash from State, for Corporation tax,	97 43
" 2.	Cash from State, for National Bank tax, - - - - -	488 76
" 2.	Cash from State, for State aid, - -	100 00

1883.

Jan. 2.	Cash from County Treasurer, dog fund,	75 24
" 26.	Cash from State, proportion of school fund, - - - - -	220 55
March 5.	Cash from N. Moulton, for rent of hall, - - - - -	70 25
	Cash received of J. P. Webber, on certificate, 1881, - - - -	768 71
	Cash received of J. P. Webber, on certificate, 1882, - - - -	6,302 65
	Cash received of N. S. Hubbard, for damage to school-house, - -	4 00
	Cash received of T. J. Morgan, for damage to school-house, - -	8 50

\$10,709 56

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1882.

Dec. 2. Paid State tax, - - - - -	\$660 00
Paid orders as follows :	
For repair of highways, - - - - -	1,047 15
Repair of bridges, - - - - -	245 14
Snow paths, - - - - -	78 60
Support of schools, - - - - -	1,989 22
Repair of school-houses, - - - - -	91 54
Support of paupers, - - - - -	1,923 69
Officers' salaries, - - - - -	678 87
Miscellaneous purposes, - - - - -	639 65
Unusual expenses, - - - - -	706 19
Balance in Treasurer's hands, - - - - -	2,649 51
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	\$10,709 56

LIABILITIES OF THE TOWN.

1883.

March 8. Due Electa Walker, note and interest to	
April 1, - - - - -	\$1,045 00
Amos Munroe, note and interest to	
April 1, - - - - -	1,015 00
Wm. L. Blackmer, note and interest	
to April 1, - - - - -	494 68
Palmer Savings Bank, note and inter-	
est to April 1, - - - - -	1,569 37
Dog fund not appropriated, - - - - -	75 24
N. Moulton, janitor, - - - - -	25 00
J. P. Webber, collector, - - - - -	20 00
For Margaret Bradley, estimated, - - - - -	42 00
For Leonard Wilbur, estimated, - - - - -	42 00
J. A. Rice, balance salary, - - - - -	134 61
Lockwood, Brooks & Co., for books, - - - - -	63 00
On bills not presented, estimated, - - - - -	150 00
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	\$4,675 90

ASSETS.

1883.

March 8. Cash in the hands of Treasurer,	-	-	\$2,649 51
Due from State, for soldiers' aid,	-	-	98 00
From Second Cong'l. Church,	-	-	125 00
For support of Wm. H. Pierce,	-	-	248 55
From State, for support of Lizzie			
Young,	-	-	33 25
From Springfield, for B. F. Burt,	-	-	4 40
For taxes uncollected,	-	-	532 33
From town of Palmer,	-	-	6 50
School books on hand,	-	-	83 96
Town histories on hand,	-	-	80 00
Balance amount of debt over assets,	-	-	814 40
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			\$4,675 90
Last year the town owed over assets,	-	-	\$1,319 02
This year the town owes over assets,	-	-	814 40
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Difference the amount paid,	-	-	\$505 62
Submitted by,			

HENRY F. BROWN,	}	<i>Auditors.</i>
SANFORD BOOTH,		
EDWARD H. MORGAN,		

Town Clerk's Report.

MARRIAGES RECORDED IN BRIMFIELD IN 1882.

Date.	Bridegroom.	Residence.	Bride.	Residence.
Jan. 3.	Gardner Kellogg,	Brimfield.	J. Maria Porter,	Brimfield.
Jan. 4.	Ferdinand L. Burley,	Wales.	Lucy Fisk,	Sturbridge.
Jan 18	Lorenzo Hutchinson,	Sturbridge.	Eliza J. Robinson,	Elizabeth, N. J.
April 26.	Rev. John Rickets,	Wales.	Martha J. Turner,	Toledo, O.
April 28.	Eugene E. Sherman,	Brimfield.	Jennie V. Plimpton,	Brattleboro, Vt.
April 30.	James Paton,	Southbridge.	Mary A. Redding,	Brimfield.
May 17.	Charles W. Robinson,	Palmer.	Marion I. Ferry,	Brimfield.
May 17.	William J. Brown,	Brimfield.	Ella A. Brown,	Willimantic, Ct.
June 14.	William Shaw,	Brimfield.	Ellen Griffin,	Sturbridge.
June 29.	John A. Calkins,	Holyoke.	Lucy S. Woodard,	Brimfield.
June 28.	Arthur H. Day,	Chicago, Ill.	Sarah E. Hubbard,	Brimfield.
Sept. 14.	George Sherman,	Brimfield.	Carrie E. Manning,	Brookfield.
Nov. 30.	Fred K. Bemis,	Sturbridge.	Carrie Estella Lamb,	Brimfield.

BIRTHS RECORDED IN BRIMFIELD IN 1882.

Date.	Name of Child.	Sex.	Names of Parents.
Jan. 8.	Arthur Garfield,	M	Clesson B. and Anna Moulton.
Jan. 27.	Daisy Lillian,	F	Henry A. and Elvira N. Ryder.
Feb. 10.	Harry Edward,	M	Henry A. and Mary E. Webber.
Mar. 25.	John M.,	M	John and Ellen Haley.
April 9.	Willie Lincoln,	M	Frank R. and Mary A. Newton.
April 24.	Hattie,	F	John and Alice St. George.
April 22.	Arthur Edward,	M	Edward H. and Sarah Davenport.
Mar. 19.	—————	M	Joseph A. and Josephine Champaux.
May 3.	Bertia Lewis,	M	Herbert F. and Ida E. Healy.
July 11.	Fred P.,	M	John P. and Martha E. Griggs.
July 15.	Ellen Augusta,	F	Daniel and Mary Eagan.
July 16.	Walter White,	M	Charles F. and Emma A. Macomber.
Sept. 21.	Elsie Mary,	F	William L. and Mary P. Sizer.
Oct. 3.	George H.,	M	Oliver and Lucy M. Rumrill.
Nov. 5.	Albert Foster,	M	John F. and Lizzie L. Converse.
Nov. 13.	Sumner Rufus,	M	Orus E. and Eva A. Parker.
July 4.	Lillian Ethel,	F	Charles E. and Emma Dickinson.
June 30.	Rozelda,	F	John and Amelia Luffler.

DEATHS RECORDED IN BRIMFIELD IN 1882.

Date.	Name.	Disease.	AGE.		
			Years.	Mos.	Days.
Jan. 5.	Caroline Livermore,	Cancer,	58	1	5
Jan. 18.	Willie C. Hill,	Inflammation of Bladder,	21	8	2
Feb. 10.	Judith B. Allen,	Pleurisy,	87	6	14
Feb. 16.	Hattie J. Lumbard,	Pneumonia,	21	9	25
Mar. 4.	Arabella Fenton,	Bright's Disease,	9	2	4
Mar. 6.	Ella Delia Lock,	Teething,		7	11
Mar. 19.	——— Champaux,	Stillborn,			
Mar. 29.	Margaret R. Stebbins,	Old Age,	96	5	28
Apr. 3.	Harriet Allen,	Vesicular Bronchitis,	83	8	2
Apr. 2.	Rebecca H. Button,	Dropsy,	67	7	29
Apr. 25.	Marcus H. Smith,	Heart Disease,	20	0	20
May 3.	Ellen McIntyre,	Pneumonia,	76	0	00
May 15.	Mary Shaw,	Consumption,	19	11	3
May 22.	Abner Nutting,	Consumption,	69	10	12
June 4.	Almira Moore,	Old Age,	78	10	29
July 6.	Maria A. Adams,	Consumption,	32	7	19
July 6.	Joseph L. Woods,	Chronic Cystitis,	62	2	17
July 16.	Samuel Ferry,	Paralysis,	85	5	24
Aug. 27.	Albigence W. Griggs,	Acute Enteritis,	77	3	11
Oct. 4.	Hezekiah Ferry,	Paralysis,	87	0	16
Nov. 10.	Eliza A. Stebbins,	Chronic Visceral,	75	8	6
Nov. 14.	Eda Landor,	Measles,		11	10
Nov. 24.	Phebe Sizer,	Brain Disease,	60	9	11
Dec. 10.	Adelia Stebbins,	Typhoid Fever,	51	3	18
Dec. 28.	Olive Lumbard,	Consumption,	76	4	28

ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE
SCHOOL COMMITTEE

OF THE
Town of Brimfield,

For the Year ending March, 1883.



SPRINGFIELD, MASS.:
PRESS OF SPRINGFIELD PRINTING COMPANY.
1883.

SCHOOL REPORT.

Your Committee have attended to the duties assigned them, and beg leave to submit the following report :—

The town raised for the support of schools the past year, \$1,600.00. The amount received from the school fund was \$220.55. Making a total of \$1,820.55.

We have expended for the wages of teachers, fuel, and care of school-houses, the sum of \$1,989.22, which is \$168.67 more than the appropriation; \$22.75 of this belongs on last year's expenses.

For a detailed report of the expenses of our schools, we refer to the auditing committee's report.

There are in town ten school-houses, although we have had but nine schools. The number of scholars in all the schools has been only 207. The average number attending school has been 149. If these scholars were divided equally, or as nearly so as could be, there would be an average of less than seventeen scholars. There are only three schools in town whose average has been over thirteen scholars. These were in Districts Nos. 1, 2 and 10. The average in the other schools was from eight (8) to thirteen (13). It has been the desire of your committee to carry on the schools as economically as could be done, and not detract from the best good of the children.

It is a common remark that in a small school the teacher has more time to devote to each pupil. While this is true, it is not true that they will advance faster in their various studies. There is less to excite their ambition or desire to excel. It has been the wish of the committee, for the sake of economy, and for the best interests of the children, to combine some of the schools which were very small. We have par-

tially succeeded ; but not to the extent we desired or believed to be for the best interests of the children, owing to a want of co-operation on the part of parents, where it seemed feasible to your committee. There was not only a want of co-operation, but a decided objection to taking children to a house where they were not accustomed to attend school, so that we have provided private instruction for a few children, as the best arrangement for us to make under the circumstances. Our wish is to call the attention of parents to the condition of some of the schools, and ask them to take a sensible, business-like view of the situation, and if better results can be obtained for their children by an extra effort on their part, and the aid that can be given them by the town, in the conveyance to some other school than the one they have been accustomed to attend, they will not only feel it a duty, but a privilege to do so. If in business transactions better results can be obtained by an additional amount of labor or exertion, people are not slow to make the change.

We wish to call the attention of parents to another matter pertaining to the best interests of our schools. We find upon the registers in some of the schools, a large number of tardy and absent marks. If pupils would keep the connection in their various studies, it is very important that they be present at every recitation, and then, if faithful, when the review or examination comes, they will be prepared on any given topic. But if an occasional recitation is lost, that may be the very one on which they will be questioned, and failing there, the scholars become embarrassed, and will not do themselves justice on the topics with which they are familiar. There may be reasons (which your committee cannot always comprehend), why scholars are not in their places at the proper time, or perhaps are absent for several days together. Sickness is unavoidable. But for no trivial cause should a pupil be absent from the school during its sessions. A chain is made up of links. If any are missing, the value of the chain is lessened. The time for acquiring an education is

made up of days ; and all that are lost detract from the knowledge we ought to possess. The year is divided into seasons, viz., spring, summer, autumn and winter. If the soil is not properly prepared in the spring, and the right kind of seed put into it, and then it is not followed by careful cultivation in the summer, we need not look for a bountiful harvest in the autumn, or a plentiful supply for the winter. So if childhood (which is the springtime of life) is neglected, and the proper intellectual and moral training is not given, the weeds of vice and ignorance are almost sure to spring up, so that the summer will be clouded, the autumn will not abound in the rich harvests of usefulness, and the winter of life will be full of the regrets of misspent youth.

Your committee have endeavored to impress upon the minds of teachers the responsibility and importance of making their teaching as practical as possible ; not simply to tax the memory to retain as many facts as possible, but to cultivate their reasoning powers, and be able to apply the principles which underlie everything that is taught. In this way they acquire the ability to plan and execute for themselves. The memory is valuable to recall events in history, to bring to our aid whatever we have read or heard. But the faculty to reason, to comprehend ideas, to compare facts, and to deduce conclusions, is far better.

We have endeavored to keep up the relation of the primary to the high school. Parents are looking forward to the time when their children will be old enough to enter that school. Do we not sometimes mistake by trying to crowd them in too soon ; before the physical (to say nothing of the mental) powers are sufficiently developed to enable them to go through with the course of study prescribed in that school ? Would it not be well for parents to carefully consider this question, realizing that to draw away too soon injures the Town school, and at the same time may not physically or mentally be advantageous to the child ?

The schools during the past year have generally been suc-

cessful, although all teachers have not the same aptitude to teach, or rather to draw out ideas from their pupils. This is not to be expected, any more than that successful business men should all meet with the same degree of success. They may have the required education, possess equal abilities in many directions, and yet lack the ability to manage and instruct. To be eminently successful, they must love the work, enter into it with their whole soul, and feel the responsibility of the position they occupy.

Fellow townsmen : you have entrusted us with a great care and responsibility, in entrusting the moral and intellectual training of your children to us, in the schools, when away from the care of the parents. We, to some extent, realize this responsibility, and have endeavored to select teachers in whom we had confidence, and then to give them all the assistance we could, and to impress upon them the importance of looking carefully after their moral, as well as intellectual culture. Our law-makers put the moral instruction in these words—Public Statutes, Chapter 44, Section 15 :—

“ It shall be the duty of all instructors of youth, to exert their best endeavors to impress on the minds of children and youth committed to their care and instruction, the principles of piety and justice, and a sacred regard for truth ; love of their country, humanity, and universal benevolence ; sobriety, industry and frugality ; chastity, moderation and temperance ; and those other virtues which are the ornament of human society, and the basis upon which a republican constitution is founded ; and it shall be the duty of such instructors to endeavor to lead their pupils, as their ages and capacities will admit, into a clear understanding of the tendency of the above-mentioned virtues, to preserve and perfect a republican constitution, and secure the blessings of liberty, as well as to promote their future happiness ; and also to point out to them the evil tendency of the opposite vices.”

We are sorry to say that parents have not looked after us, or rather the interests of their children while in school, as

closely as we desire they would. You should know personally what your children are doing in the school-room; and your presence, occasionally, is a great encouragement to them. You might be surprised to see with what accuracy some of the smaller ones can draw maps upon the blackboard, besides writing sentences, and showing their skill at spelling. Children can learn words as well as letters, and when they learn the words, they very readily learn to write them, thus combining writing, as well as reading.

This is a very great improvement upon the old method of learning the letters, then words, and never attempting to write till well advanced in reading, spelling and arithmetic. If with all the improvements in the facilities for carrying on the various industries, we should fail to apply them to our educational interests, we should not act the part of wisdom.

Public attention has been, and is, directed to the best methods of instruction in the various branches taught in our schools. Let us not accept of every change, simply because it is new, but test it, and if it commends itself to us, adopt it.

We have not deemed it necessary to make any changes in school books the past year. Some were made the previous year, and whenever these changes are for the best interests of the schools, we should be as ready to adopt them as to accept of improvements in carrying on the various branches of industry.

Books and school supplies will be found at the store of John F. Converse. The schools will commence the present year as follows: Spring term, Monday, April 23; Fall term, Monday, August 20; Winter term, Monday after Thanksgiving.

N. S. HUBBARD, *Chairman of School Committee.*

N. S. HUBBARD,	}	<i>School Committee of Brimfield.</i>
T. J. MORGAN,		
J. R. BROWN,		

BRIMFIELD, March, 1883.

ANNUAL REPORTS

OF THE

TOWN OFFICERS

OF THE

TOWN OF BRIMFIELD,

FOR THE

YEAR ENDING MARCH 8, 1884.

BOSTON:

ALFRED MUDGE & SON, PRINTERS, 24 FRANKLIN STREET.

1884.

TOWN OFFICERS FOR 1883.

Town Clerk and Treasurer.

HENRY F. BROWN.

Selectmen.

MOSES H. BAKER.

SANFORD BOOTH.

EDWARD H. MORGAN.

Assessors.

SAMUEL W. BROWN.

ORUS E. PARKER.

JONATHAN P. WEBBER.

Overseers of Poor.

CHENEY NEWTON.

THOMAS J. MORGAN.

HENRY F. BROWN.

School Committee.

THOMAS J. MORGAN.

NEWTON S. HUBBARD.

ARTHUR A. UPHAM.

Road Commissioners.

MOSES H. BAKER.

JOHN C. SPRING.

WILLIAM J. BROWN.

Collector.

JONATHAN P. WEBBER.

Constables.

FRANCIS E. COOK.

NEEDHAM MOULTON.

Sexton.

FRANCIS E. COOK.

WARRANT FOR TOWN MEETING,

APRIL 7, 1884.

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS,
HAMPDEN, SS.

To FRANCIS E. COOK, *Constable of the Town of Brimfield*, GREETING :

IN the name of said Commonwealth you are hereby directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of said town qualified to vote in town affairs to meet at the Town Hall in said Brimfield, Monday, the seventh day of April next, at ten o'clock in the forenoon, to act on the following articles : —

First. To choose a Moderator to preside at said meeting.

Second. To choose all necessary town officers for the ensuing year ; also, all committees and agents the business of the town may require.

Third. To hear reports of officers and agents heretofore chosen by the town, and act thereon.

Fourth. To raise money for the support of schools for the ensuing year.

Fifth. To raise money for the support of highways, town ways, and bridges, and direct how the same shall be expended.

Sixth. To raise money for the payment of town debts, and to defray expenses for the ensuing year.

Seventh. To see if the town will accept the report of the Selectmen for revising the list of jurors.

Eighth. To see if the town will authorize the Town Treasurer to borrow money in anticipation of taxes of the current year. Also to borrow money to renew, replace, or pay any existing loan or loans, or any part thereof.

Ninth. To see if the town will allow a discount on taxes, if paid within certain periods, or act thereon.

Tenth. To see what disposition the town will make of their dog fund, or act thereon.

Eleventh. To see if the town will authorize the Collector to use the means for collecting taxes which the Town Treasurer may use when appointed Collector.

Twelfth. To see if the town will cause to be printed the reports of their town officers and agents, or any parts of the same.

Thirteenth. To see if the town will cause to be printed once in five years the valuation list.

Fourteenth. To bring in their votes (*yes* or *no*) upon the question, Shall licenses be granted for the sale of intoxicating liquors in this town?

Fifteenth. To see what action the town will take in regard to the bridge and flume at Webber's Mill.

Sixteenth. To see if the town will vote to procure a hook and extension ladder to be used in case of fire, or act thereon.

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting an attested copy of the same at the Town Hall, and also one at the centre Post-Office in said Brimfield, seven days at least before the time of holding said meeting.

Hereof fail not, and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon to the Town Clerk of said Brimfield at the time and place of meeting aforesaid.

Given under our hands this fifteenth day of March, in the year one thousand eight hundred and eighty-four.

MOSES H. BAKER,	} <i>Selectmen</i>
SANFORD BOOTH,	
E. H. MORGAN,	
	<i>of</i>
	<i>Brimfield.</i>

ASSESSORS' REPORT.

Valuation of Brimfield 1883.

Value of real estate	\$388,800 00
Value of personal estate	90,130 00
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Total valuation	\$478,930 00
Number of polls	302
Tax on polls	\$2 00
Rate of tax	\$14 50 on \$1,000 00
Money secured by mortgage	
Money unsecured	\$3,100 00
Money on hand including deposits taxable	
Stocks in corporations without the State	\$26,400 00
Number of horses	222
Number of cows	812
Number of sheep	208
Number of dwelling-houses taxed	240
Number of acres land	20,650

ASSESSMENTS.

For State tax	\$450 00
County tax	547 67
Highways and tools	1,200 00
Support of bridges	150 00
Snow paths	150 00
Schools	1,600 00
Repairs of schoolhouses	100 00
Support of paupers	1,300 00
Officers' salaries	550 00
Discount on taxes	300 00
Town debt and interest	500 00
Miscellaneous expenses	300 00
Unusual expenses	300 00
Overlayings	121 44
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Total tax	\$7,569 11

SAMUEL W. BROWN,
ORUS E. PARKER,
J. P. WEBBER, } Assessors.

AUDITORS' REPORT.

Report of the receipts and expenditures of the town of Brimfield for the year ending March 8, 1884.

PAYMENTS FOR REPAIR OF HIGHWAYS.

1883.

April 2.	Paid M. H. Baker, for 1882-3	.	\$2 25	
May 7.	" John C. Spring	" .	1 15	
June 4.	" B. B. Fenton	" .	9 45	
			<hr/>	\$12 85
May 7.	" Josiah Stebbins	. . .	\$44 62	
" 7.	" Wm. J. Brown	. . .	40 58	
June 4.	" Geo. W. Taft, edges for scrapers,		7 00	
" 4.	" Albert D. Thomas	. . .	47 62	
" 4.	" M. H. Baker	. . .	130 72	
" 4.	" John C. Spring	. . .	28 39	
" 4.	" Wm. J. Brown	. . .	128 70	
" 4.	" E. B. Webber	. . .	27 26	
July 2.	" M. H. Baker	. . .	117 82	
" 2.	" Winchendon Road Scraper Co.		100 00	
" 2.	" Wm. J. Brown	. . .	42 00	
" 2.	" Josiah Stebbins	. . .	26 22	
" 2.	" Henry Blodgett	. . .	76 00	
" 2.	" E. B. Webber	. . .	107 59	
" 2.	" John C. Spring	. . .	119 48	
Sept. 3.	" Wm. J. Brown	. . .	2 95	
" 3.	" D. P. Allen	. . .	1 20	
" 3.	" Albert D. Thomas	. . .	20 58	
" 3.	" John C. Spring	. . .	27 88	
Oct. 1.	" "	. . .	42 08	
Nov. 5.	" Henry Blodgett	. . .	24 00	

Nov. 5.	Paid Josiah Stebbins	.	.	.	\$20 15
" 5.	" Wm. J. Brown	.	.	.	22 90
" 5.	" Albert D. Thomas	.	.	.	13 58
Dec. 3.	" John C. Spring	.	.	.	7 53
1884.					
Mar. 8.	" M. H. Baker	.	.	.	60
					<hr/> \$1,227 45
					<hr/> \$1,240 30

FOR SUPPORT OF BRIDGES.

1883.

July 2.	Paid Wm. J. Brown	.	.	.	.	.	\$4 20
" 3.	" "	.	.	.	.	.	43 43
" 3.	" Dwight P. Allen for plank	.	.	.	.	.	49 25
" 3.	" Wm. J. Brown	.	.	.	.	.	1 05
" 3.	" Albert D. Thomas	.	.	.	.	.	7 36
" 3.	" Josiah Stebbins	.	.	.	.	.	11 50
" 3.	" M. H. Baker	.	.	.	.	.	18 58
" 3.	" John C. Spring	.	.	.	.	.	23 77
Oct. 1.	" "	.	.	.	.	.	41 24
Nov. 5.	" Josiah Stebbins	.	.	.	.	.	12 36
" 5.	" Albert D. Thomas	.	.	.	.	.	5 40
Dec. 3.	" John C. Spring	.	.	.	.	.	3 35
" 3.	" T. J. Morgan	.	.	.	.	.	41 12

1884.

Mar. 8.	" Town of Palmer, one half painting bridges					12 50
						<hr/> \$275 11

FOR SNOW PATHS.

1883.

April 2.	Paid Oscar F. Brown for 1882-3				\$1 48
" 2.	" M. H. Baker	"			13 60
May 7.	" John Shanley	"			7 70
" 7.	" N. S. Hubbard	"			3 37
" 7.	" Dwight P. Allen	"			1 95
" 7.	" John C. Spring	"			9 50
June 4.	" E. B. Webber	"			2 28
					<hr/> \$39 88

1884.

Jan.	4.	Paid Wm. J. Brown	.	.	.	\$4 12	
Mar.	3.	" Oscar F. Brown	.	.	.	5 47	
"	3.	" E. B. Webber	.	.	.	9 30	
"	3.	" John C. Spring	.	.	.	45 11	
"	3.	" Wm. J. Brown	.	.	.	64 36	
"	8.	" T. J. Morgan	.	.	.	12 35	
"	8.	" Dwight P. Allen	.	.	.	10 05	
"	8.	" M. H. Baker	.	.	.	26 97	
"	8.	" Albert D. Thomas	.	.	.	9 30	
"	8.	" Wm. J. Brown	.	.	.	9 08	
							\$196 11
							\$235 99

FOR SUPPORT OF SCHOOLS.

Paid for wages and board of teachers, for fuel and care of schoolhouses, for the year ending March 8, 1884 : —

NAME OF TEACHER.	No. of School.	Wages Summer Term.	Wages Fall Term.	Wages Winter Term.	Fuel and Care of Houses.	Total.
M. Anna Tarbell.....	1	\$72 00				
Martha E. Stone.....	1	....	\$67 50	\$96 00	\$19 50	\$255 00
Lizzie J. Traverse.....	2	63 00	63 00			
Martha E. Amidon.....	2	....	....	22 40		
Jeremiah Sullivan.....	2	....	....	72 00	17 70	238 10
Carrie Newell.....	3	45 00				
Jennie E. Livermore	3	....	54 00	72 00	1 30	172 30
Annie M. Brown.....	4	54 00	54 00	72 00	15 00	195 00
Martha E. Stone.....	5	58 50				
Celia I. Richardson.....	5	....	54 00			
N. Lizzie Kennedy	5	....	....	78 00	16 00	206 50
Emma J. Blashfield	6	54 00				
Clara L. Green	6	....	15 00	24 00	1 25	94 25
Jennie E. Livermore	7	54 00				
Malora A. Booth.....	7	....	45 00	60 00	17 00	176 00
Emma J. Blashfield	8	....	54 00	72 00	13 00	139 00
	9	No school.				
Addie C. Dickinson.....	10	54 60	58 50			
Lizzie J. Traverse.....	10	....	....	84 00	18 85	215 95
		\$455 10	\$465 00	\$652 40	\$119 60	\$1,692 10

Total \$1,692 10

OTHER EXPENSES FOR SCHOOLS.

Annie M. Brown, error in bill 1882-83 . . .	\$10 00	
John F. Converse, supplies 1882-83 . . .	12 32	
John F. Converse, supplies 1883-84 . . .	52 55	
	<hr/>	\$74 87
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		\$1,766 97

APPROPRIATIONS FOR SCHOOLS.

For wages and board of teachers, fuel, and care of schoolhouses	\$1,500 00	
For conveyance of pupils and other expen- ses for schools	100 00	
Town's proportion of school fund	222 07	
	<hr/>	\$1,822 07
Amount of payment		1,766 97
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Balance		\$55 10
Bills unpaid		34 50
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Balance unexpended		\$20 60

FOR REPAIRS OF SCHOOLHOUSES.

1883.

Sept. 3.	Paid Lyman Needham for No. 4 . . .	\$1 50
Dec. 3.	“ D. P. Allen for No. 2 . . .	1 00
“ 3.	“ T. J. Morgan for No. 1 . . .	3 50
“ 3.	“ T. J. Morgan for No. 4 . . .	4 10

1884.

Feb. 4.	“ N. S. Hubbard for No. 7 . . .	25
“ 4.	“ A. A. Upham for No. 1 . . .	15
“ 4.	“ G. H. Upham for No. 1 . . .	1 10
Mar. 8.	“ E. J. Piper for No. 4 . . .	8 35
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		\$19 95

FOR SUPPORT OF PAUPERS.

1883.

Nov. 5.	Paid Smith & Skerry for insurance . . .	\$66 00
Dec. 3.	“ T. J. Morgan, plank . . .	8 38

1884.

Mar. 3.	Paid E. E. Tarbell, iron work	.	.	.	\$7 74
" 8.	" A. A. Stebbins, for ice house	.	.	.	115 00
" 8.	" Smith & Skerry, insurance	.	.	.	24 00
" 8.	" Overseers of poor	.	.	.	2,200 00
" 8.	" Cheney Newton	.	.	.	4 90
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					\$2,426 02

OFFICERS' SALARIES.

SELECTMEN.

1883.

April 2.	Paid M. H. Baker	.	.	.	\$8 00
Aug. 6.	" Sanford Booth	.	.	.	10 00
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					\$18 00

ASSESSORS.

Sept. 3.	Paid Samuel W. Brown	.	.	.	\$28 00
" 3.	" Jonathan P. Webber	.	.	.	28 00
" 3.	" Orus E. Parker	.	.	.	21 00
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					\$77 00

SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

April 2.	Paid James Read Brown	.	.	.	\$30 00
1884.					
Feb. 4.	" Newton S. Hubbard	.	.	.	28 00
" 4.	" Arthur A. Upham	.	.	.	8 00
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					\$66 00

OVERSEERS OF POOR.

May 7.	Paid Edward Bliss	.	.	.	\$10 50
Aug. 6.	" Sanford Booth	.	.	.	2 00
1884.					
Mar. 8.	" Cheney Newton	.	.	.	23 00
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					\$35 50

1884.

AUDITOR.

Aug. 6.	Paid Sanford Booth	.	.	.	\$6 00
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					\$6 00

JANITOR.

April 2.	Paid Needham Moulton	.	.	\$25 00	
July 2.	" Needham Moulton	.	.	31 25	
Oct. 1.	" Needham Moulton	.	.	31 25	
1884.					
Jan. 7.	" Needham Moulton	.	.	31 25	
				<hr/>	\$118 75

SEXTON.

May 7.	Paid Francis E. Cook	.	.	\$24 10	
July 2.	" Francis E. Cook	.	.	12 00	
Oct. 1.	" Francis E. Cook	.	.	18 00	
1884.					
Jan. 7.	" Francis E. Cook	.	.	20 50	
				<hr/>	\$74 60

CONSTABLE.

May 7.	Paid Francis E. Cook	.	.	\$2 50	
1884.					
Jan. 7.	" Francis E. Cook	.	.	3 00	
				<hr/>	\$5 50

LIBRARIAN.

Sept. 3.	Paid M. Anna Tarbell	.	.	\$25 00	
Dec. 3.	" M. Anna Tarbell	.	.	4 00	
1884.					
Mar. 3.	" M. Lizzie Ward	.	.	12 50	
				<hr/>	\$41 50

COLLECTOR.

Feb. 4.	Paid Jonathan P. Webber	.	.	\$40 00	
Mar. 3.	" Jonathan P. Webber	.	.	20 00	
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ROAD COMMISSIONER.

Mar. 3.	Paid M. H. Baker	.	.	\$8 00	
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					\$510 85

FOR MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSES.

1883.

May	7.	Paid Lockwood, Brooks & Co., books	\$63 34
June	4.	“ Wm. C. Blashfield, shavings,	40
“	4.	“ Springfield Printing Co., re- ports	42 90
July	2.	“ F. E. Cooke, mowing cemetery,	12 00
“	2.	“ Wm. J. Brown, railing .	2 40
“	2.	“ Wm. H. Lumbard, railing,	14 00
Sept.	3.	“ Samuel W. Brown, postage and express	2 00
“	3.	“ James N. Buxton, wood .	36 00
“	3.	“ John Gates, sawing wood .	10 00
“	3.	“ J. P. Webber, tax bills .	3 00
“	3.	“ Moore Mfg. Co., guide boards	9 50
“	3.	“ D. P. Allen, railing . .	21 30
“	3.	“ A. D. Thomas, railing .	5 17
“	3.	“ John F. Converse, merchan- dise	10 60
Oct.	1.	“ M. H. Baker, railing . .	38 00
“	1.	“ J. C. Spring; railing . .	1 54
Nov.	5.	“ J. F. Lumbard, wood .	4 50
“	5.	“ H. M. Converse, printing list of voters	3 00
Dec.	3.	“ J. P. Webber, abatement of tax	1 53

1884.

Feb.	4.	“ Powers Paper Co., paper .	5 25
“	4.	“ Mrs. M. W. Pierce, washing Town House windows in 1879	1 50
“	4.	“ J. P. Webber, tax abatement	8 90
“	4.	“ A. A. Upham, postage .	52
Mar.	3.	“ E. E. Tarbell, repairs Town House	1 50

Dec.	3.	Paid Will Royce, tax in Wales .	\$1 76	
"	3.	" J. P. Webber, tax abate- ment	5 02	
"	3.	" M. Lizzie Ward, brush .	30	
"	3.	" H. F. Brown, State aid paid,	130 00	
"	8.	" J. P. Webber, tax abate- ment	12 00	
"	8.	" F. F. Marcy, lumber .	1 63	
			<hr/>	\$449 56

FOR PAYMENT TOWN DEBT AND INTEREST.

April	2.	Paid Electa Walker, interest .	\$50 00	
July and Jan.		Paid Palmer Savings Bank, interest	77 50	
"	"	" Amos Munroe, interest	58 54	
"	"	" William L. Blackmer, adm'r, interest .	24 00	
Oct.	5.	Paid Amos Munroe, on note .	100 00	
1884.				
March	6.	" Wm. L. Blackmer, note and interest	483 88	
			<hr/>	793 92
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				\$1,243 48

FOR UNUSUAL EXPENSES.

1883.

April	2.	Paid E. J. Piper, table for selectmen's room,	\$8 00
May	7.	" Dr. J. Penniman, services	12 00
June	4.	" James D. Gill, frame for portrait . .	162 00
Aug.	6.	" A. F. Ball, burial straps	2 00
Sept.	3.	" Cheney Newton, cemetery wall . . .	4 00
Nov.	5.	" M. H. Baker, team and expenses . . .	5 35
"	5.	" Smith & Skerry, insurance on Town House	75 00
Dec.	3.	" C. O. Brown, painting Town House .	82 01

1884.

March 3.	Paid S. Wetherbee, paint for Town House .	\$21 75
Feb. 4.	“ G. H. Upham, painting monument fence,	16 00
March 3.	“ H. Foot & Co., truck for Town House .	6 60
“ 3.	“ Town of Holland, for monuments .	3 25
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		\$397 96

APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE FOREGOING.

	Appropriations.	Payments.
For repairs of highways and for tools .	\$1,200 00	\$1,240 00
Support of bridges	150 00	275 11
Snow paths	150 00	235 99
Schools	1,600 00	1,766 97
Proportion of school fund	222 07	
Repair of schoolhouses	100 00	19 95
Support of paupers	1,300 00	2,426 02
Officers' salaries	550 00	510 85
Discount on taxes	300 00	330 98
Town debt and interest	500 00	793 92
Miscellaneous expenses	300 00	449 56
Unusual expenses	300 00	397 96
Dog fund	75 24	
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	\$6,747 31	
Total payments		\$8,447 61
Appropriations		6,747 31
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Excess of payments over appropriations. .		\$1,700 30

COLLECTOR'S REPORT.

JONATHAN P. WEBBER, Collector for 1882.

DR.

1883.

March 8.	To balance tax of 1882, uncollected . . .	\$532 33
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April 9.	By paid Town Treasurer . . .	\$200 00
May 31.	“ Town Treasurer . . .	125 29
June 1.	“ Town Treasurer . . .	56 25

1884.

March 1.	“ Town Treasurer . . .	150 79
		\$532 33

JONATHAN P. WEBBER, Collector for 1883.

DR.

To Town Tax for 1883		\$7,569 11
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Aug. 13.	By paid Town Treasurer . . .	\$470 00
“ 18.	“ Town Treasurer . . .	350 00
“ 23.	“ Town Treasurer . . .	450 14
“ 29.	“ Town Treasurer . . .	341 53
Sept. 1.	“ Town Treasurer . . .	667 30
“ 3.	“ Town Treasurer . . .	317 50
	County Tax . . .	547 67

Discount allowed on above at

	6 per cent . . .	200 69
Sept. 19.	By paid Town Treasurer . . .	100 00
Nov. 9.	“ Town Treasurer . . .	410 10
“ 27.	“ Town Treasurer . . .	200 00

Dec.	15.	By paid Town Treasurer .	.	\$300 00
"	22.	" Town Treasurer .	.	340 00
"	29.	" Town Treasurer .	.	426 00
1884.				
Jan.	1.	" Town Treasurer .	.	885 04
"	2.	" Town Treasurer .	.	465 95
Discount allowed on above at				
4 per cent				130 29
Feb.	8.	By paid Town Treasurer .	.	200 00
March	8.	" Town Treasurer .	.	149 35
"	8.	Balance Certificate, 1883, un-		
collected				617 55
				———— \$7,569 11

OVERSEERS OF POOR.

INVENTORY OF PERSONAL PROPERTY AT THE ALMSHOUSE.

1884.

March 7.	One horse	.	.	.	.	\$60 00	
	One yoke of oxen	.	.	.	.	175 00	
	One cow	.	.	.	.	40 00	
	Two hogs	.	.	.	.	50 00	
	Nineteen hens	.	.	.	.	9 50	
						<u> </u>	\$334 50
	One and a half tons English						
	hay	.	.	.	.	\$30 00	
	Hay and oat straw	.	.	.	.	5 00	
						<u> </u>	35 00
	Provisions	.	.	.	.	\$171 42	
	Farming tools and wood	.	.	.	.	266 95	
	Household furniture	.	.	.	.	251 50	
						<u> </u>	689 87
						<u> </u>	
	Total	.	.	.	.	.	\$1,059 37
	Amount last year	.	.	.	.	\$1,356 94	
	Amount this year	.	.	.	.	1,059 37	
						<u> </u>	
	Difference	.	.	.	.	\$297 57	

Receipts and expenditures at the almshouse for the year ending
March 8, 1884.

PAYMENTS.

Paid S. Wetherbee & Son for goods	.	.	\$15 48
G. S. Green, cow, etc.	.	.	41 00
Henry Green, sundries	.	.	1 15
Oliver J. Plimpton, labor and pota-			
toes	.	.	4 50

Paid Orus E. Parker, 2 calves	\$2 00
Dimmick Bros. for cartage	8 84
Cheney Newton, potatoes and labor . .	12 25
David Leno, labor	3 85
T. C. Blashfield, saw and sawhorse . .	2 25
G. Rand, for soap	5 50
J. K. Fay, for potatoes	3 92
G. E. Moulton, for fish	12 34
Henry Trumbull, for labor	154 46
Henry Trumbull, for chopping	26 40
John C. Spring, for potatoes	4 00
J. H. Jones, for churn	9 50
William N. Hitchcock, for mowing, etc.	17 73
J. T. Brown, plough castings, brick and stone	9 75
Wm. Coombs, two coffins	30 00
F. Wight, crackers	14 01
Edward Leno, labor	8 00
Charles Haynes, labor	5 25
Willard Richards, labor and chopping,	13 60
E. Bissell, labor	48 00
Bela Baker, ice	1 93
Wm. J. Brown, phosphate and pigs . .	10 15
Wm. H. Shaw, pasturing and wood . .	4 25
John Gates, repairing harness	1 50
O. F. Brown, making cider	1 77
R. Lumbard, one cow	17 00
J. Leno, labor	2 00
Patrick White, butchering	1 00
W. Walls, chopping	1 45
Wm. B. Groves, repairing sleigh	2 75
M. A. Cheever, apples	3 00
John Hines, labor	2 25
Porter A. Parker, sundries	9 49
— Moore, shoes	1 25

Paid E. W. Potter, blacksmithing . . .	\$13 55
A. G. Lamb, labor	4 50
Allen Burbank, repair horse rake . . .	3 00
G. B. Brown, meal and groceries . . .	2 72
Rockwood & Son	5 08
For coat for D. C. Colgrove	2 00
Tyler & Tripp, flour, etc.	9 10
Sundries to various persons	21 77
John A. Rice, balance salary, warden last year	138 59
Worcester Hospital for L. Wilbur . . .	183 43
Northampton Hospital for M. Bradley . . .	184 32
Oscar F. Brown, cow	30 00
Adaline Fuller, her support	10 00
Tucker Manufacturing Co., bedsteads, . . .	11 00
Morse, Shepard & Co., blankets	9 10
Warren Agard, two cows	56 00
Leonard Aldrich for Nellie Ryder . . .	15 55
Town of Palmer for Long family	3 00
For pauper register	3 85
For pauper notice book	3 50
Ellen Newton, to March 10	23 00
1883.	
Paid Orrin Moore, meat bill	30 21
J. B. Gould, for meal etc.	166 33
May 22, paid Dr. G. F. Chamberlain for Ryder family	18 37
May 22, paid Dr. G. F. Chamberlain for Mrs. Alonzo Allen	37 17
May 22, paid Dr. G. F. Chamberlain for Almshouse	2 75
Paid E. W. Hitchcock for meat	58 51
C. A. Brown & Co., bog hoe	1 50
H. A. Tidd, repairs express wagon . . .	25 40
A. F. Ball, harness	14 00
E. L. Needham, blankets	37 50

Paid Charles T. Sullivan, watching fire .	\$2 00	
Dr. H. G. Webber, medical service .	4 00	
A. A. Upham, surveying wood lot .	3 00	
John F. Converse, merchandise .	124 37	
Silas Parker, board of Stone girl .	5 25	
Charles B. Blair, hay	60 23	
Porter A. Parker, hay	36 00	
Wm. H. Lumbard, hay	29 34	
J. Leno, hay	10 00	
Edward Fairbanks, barbed wire .	32 18	
Edward Fairbanks, merchandise .	216 15	
Mrs. Nallette, apples and use of horse	2 30	
A. A. Stebbins, butchering . .	1 00	
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EXPENDITURE FOR TRAMP ROOM, ETC.

Paid N. Moore, lumber	\$15 72	
J. F. Lumbard, freight	4 00	
T. J. Morgan, lumber	32 94	
F. F. Marcy, lumber	72 38	
Homer, Foot & Co., hardware . .	7 99	
Richard H. Arnold, lumber . . .	10 50	
William Lewis, mason	7 00	
C. O. Brown, painting	25 37	
Hitchcock Free High School, brick	1 00	
T. C. Blashfield, carpenter . . .	67 37	
H. E. Benson, carpenter	61 40	
J. T. Brown, brick	3 50	
E. E. Tarbell, iron work	7 74	
F. E. Kinney, boards	6 00	
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FOR AQUEDUCT.

Paid Henry Green	\$68 11	
For drain pipe	3 18	
For water barrels	3 50	
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Mrs. J. S. Plimpton, carpet damaged at fire	\$9 20	
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		\$2,571 09

RECEIPTS.

From Tyler & Tripp, for apples	\$19 50
John A. Rice, shorts, use of oxen, etc. . .	19 10
J. F. Lumbard, for straw	4 16
Butterworth Bros., for beets	1 50
A. Munroe, for straw	9 60
Edward Fairbanks, for butter	121 51
Orrin Moore, for beef and pork	114 61
Cheney Newton, for butter	1 84
W. T. Lamb, for pig	4 00
Thomas Dearth's estate	5 38
G. E. Moulton, for cider	1 50
M. A. Cheever, for hay	15 00
George Bacon, for cow	21 00
T. J. Morgan, two pigs	8 00
Sundries	2 90
Cattle sold at auction	180 00
Board of A. A. Stebbins	4 50
Board of Henry Trumbull	22 00
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	\$556 10
Balance	2,014 99
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Total	\$2,571 09

OVERSEERS OF POOR IN ACCOUNT WITH THE
TOWN OF BRIMFIELD.

DR.

To Poor farm as appraised March 8, 1883 .	\$4,300 00
Meat stock, as appraised March 8, 1883,	478 00
Hay and grain, appraised March 8,	
1883	210 00
Farming tools and wood, March 8, 1883,	245 35
Provisions	223 79
Household furniture	199 80

To Amount of orders paid on account of
almshouse as follows, viz.: —

Smith & Skerry for insurance . . .	\$90 00	
T. J. Morgan, for plank, etc. . . .	8 38	
E. E. Tarbell, for iron work	7 74	
A. A. Stebbins, for ice house	115 00	
Money advanced for almshouse	2,200 00	
Balance salary due H. E. Plimpton . .	183 04	
Due Dr. G. F. Chamberlain, April 1 . .	30 00	
	<hr/>	\$8,291 10

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By Poor farm as appraised this day, March
8, 1884, including tramp room, ice-

house, and aqueduct	\$2,600 00.	
Meat stock, as appraised this day . .	334 50	
Hay and grain, as appraised this day .	35 00	
Provisions, as appraised this day . . .	171 42	
Farming tools and wood, as appraised this day	266 95	
Household furniture, as appraised this day	251 50	
Loss on barn and other buildings by fire Nov. 24, 1883	2,000 00	
Loss on stock, hay, grain, and farming tools by fire	635 20	
Balance the amount it has cost to sup- port the poor the past year	1,996 53	
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From this balance \$1,996 53

Deduct the expense for those out of the almshouse,
last year's bills, etc., viz.: —

For John A. Rice, balance salary last year,	\$138 59
Dr. Chamberlain's bills for Mr. A. Allen	37 17
Worcester Hospital for Wilbur	183 43

For Northampton Hospital for Mrs. Brad-

ley	\$184 32	
Mrs. Adaline Fuller	10 00	
Wm. Long and family	3 00	
Smith & Skerry, insurance . .	90 00	
Leonard Aldrich, for Nellie Ryder .	15 55	
Silas Parker and others for Stone girl,	7 00	
	<hr/>	\$669 06

Cost for those at almshouse \$1,327 47

Average number at almshouse, $10\frac{8}{13}$. Number of weeks' board furnished, 552. Cost of each week's board, \$2.44 $\frac{1}{2}$.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

HENRY F. BROWN *in account with the Town of Brimfield.*

DR.

1883.

March 8.	To balance of settlement	\$2,649 51
April 2.	Cash received from Second Congrega- tional Church for rent	125 00
Aug. 24.	Cash of M. H. Baker, for plank sold	1 00
Sept. 3.	Cash of J. C. Spring, for plank sold	2 00
Nov. 5.	Cash received of John W. Brown, to reimburse the town for expenses of his wife at Worcester Hospital in 1878-79	28 83
	Interest on the above	5 86
Dec. 3.	Amount received of State Treasurer for corporation tax	154 66
	3. Amount received of State Treasurer for national bank tax	431 60
	3. Amount received of State Treasurer for State aid	66 00
	3. Cash of J. C. Spring, for plank sold	1 50
	3. Cash received of Quincy Insurance Co. for loss on almshouse	20 83

1884.

Jan. 7.	Cash of M. H. Baker, for paint sold	1 75
24.	Cash from County Treasurer, dog fund,	109 28
30.	Cash from State proportion school fund,	222 07
10.	Cash of Ætna Insurance Company for loss on barn	1,110 12
19.	Cash of Hartford Insurance Company for loss on barn	1,110 13

March 3.	To Cash received of town of Palmer. one half expense planking bridge . . .	\$21 71
3.	Cash of N. Moulton, janitor, for use of Town Hall	31 20
8.	Cash received of Fiskdale Cotton Mills for plank	8 64
8.	Amount received of A. L. Converse, guardian, for support of Wm. H. Pierce	248 55
8.	Cash received of J. P. Webber, balance of certificate for 1882	532 33
8.	Cash received of J. P. Webber, interest on taxes of 1882	16 98
8.	Cash received of J. P. Webber, on cer- tificate of 1883	6,072 91
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		\$12,972 46

CR.

1883.

Dec. 1.	By paid State tax	\$450 00
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1884.

Jan. 30.	By paid allowance on corporation tax	7 23
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By paid orders as follows: —

For repair of highways	1,240 30
Repair of bridges	275 11
Snow paths	235 99
Schools	1,766 97
Repair of schoolhouses	19 95
Support of paupers	2,426 02
Officers' salaries	510 85
Town debt and interest	793 92
Miscellaneous expenses	449 56
Unusual expenses	397 96
Balance in treasurer's hands	4,398 60
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	\$12,972 46

ASSETS OF THE TOWN.

1884.

March 8.	Cash in the hands of the Treasurer	\$4,398 60	
	Due from Second Cong. Church	125 00	
	“ from J. L. Groves for plank,	2 00	
	“ from State for soldiers' aid	130 00	
	“ for taxes uncollected .	617 55	
	School books on hand . . .	83 96	
	Town Histories on hand . . .	70 00	
		<hr/>	\$5,427 11

LIABILITIES.

1884.

March 8.	Due Electa Walker, note and interest to April 1 . . .	\$1,045 00	
	Amos Munroe, note and interest to April 1 . . .	913 50	
	Palmer Savings Bank, note and interest to April 1 . .	1,569 37	
	Dog fund not appropriated .	109 28	
	N. Moulton, janitor . . .	31 25	
	J. P. Webber, collector . .	20 00	
	Dr. G. F. Chamberlain, April 1	30 00	
	H. E. Plimpton, April 1 . .	183 04	
	Worcester Hospital, April 1, est.	43 00	
	Northampton Hospital, April 1, est.	43 00	
	On bills not presented, est.	250 00	
	Balance amt. of assets over liabilities	1,189 67	
		<hr/>	\$5,427 11

Submitted by

HENRY F. BROWN,
 MOSES H. BAKER,
 SAMUEL W. BROWN,

Auditors.

REPORT OF ROAD COMMISSIONERS.

The Road Commissioners herewith present the required report of guide-posts maintained by the town.

The total number is nine, located as follows : —

Two at east end of Common, one to Palmer, and one to Warren.

One at junction of roads near Wm. Fosket.

Two at junction of roads near the late David Parker.

One at junction of roads near Charles A. Brown.

One at junction of roads near John F. Converse's store.

One at junction of roads near Geo. F. Holdridge.

One on Warren road leading to Dauphin Brown's.

The town at its last annual meeting voted to erect guide-posts at the following places. We purchased the boards, but, on account of the dry weather, could not get the posts sawed till the ground had frozen. We have them now, and will be erected as soon as the ground thaws, so we can dig for the posts : —

One at the corner near J. S. Blair, to Warren.

One at fork of roads west of the house of Dauphin Brown.

One at fork of roads near Dunhamtown Schoolhouse.

One at fork of roads near Schoolhouse No. 6.

Two at fork of roads near Austin Woodard.

Four at junction of roads near Chester Scarborough.

One at fork of roads near John C. Spring.

One at fork of roads near F. E. Cook.

One at fork of roads near Alfred Lumbard.

One at fork of roads near P. A. Parker.

One at fork of roads near Geo. F. Holdridge.

One at fork of roads near Thomas McMahon.

One at fork of roads at the house of John W. Lawrence.

Total number to be erected, seventeen.

M. H. BAKER,

J. C. SPRING,

W. J. BROWN,

Road Commissioners of Brimfield.

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT.

MARRIAGES RECORDED IN BRIMFIELD IN 1883.

Date.	Bridegroom.	Residence.	Bride.	Residence.
April 21.	Charles F. Lee,	Sturbridge.	Mary A. Ballou,	Sturbridge.
April 23.	Willie Ozro Herring,	Wales.	Janette Isabel Clark,	Wales.
May 12.	Francis C. Sizer,	Holland.	Carrie A. Beto,	Brimfield.
May 26.	A. Frank Manchester,	Chicopee.	Eva J. Groves,	Brimfield.
March 28.	William F. Taylor,	Brimfield.	Addie L. Green,	Brimfield.
June 23.	Frederic J. Rice,	Brimfield.	Jennie M. Moulton,	Brimfield.
Jan. 8.	Samuel S. Livermore,	Brimfield.	Mary Holbrook,	Brimfield.
Feb. 19.	Theron S. Ryder,	Brimfield.	Edna A. Fisk,	Stafford, Conn.
Aug. 26.	Charles A. Prouty,	Warren.	Mary E. Woodard,	Brimfield.
Sept 20.	Jonathan P. Webber,	Brimfield.	Jane E. Upham,	Brimfield.
Oct 31.	Orrin Hicks,	Brimfield.	Julia A. Blashfield,	Brimfield.
Nov. 18.	J. Mitchell,	Palmer.	Mary Manning,	Palmer.
Dec. 6.	Charles F. Merrick,	Palmer.	Sarah A. Buxton,	Brimfield.

BIRTHS RECORDED IN BRIMFIELD IN 1883.

Date.	Name of Child.	Sex.	Names of Parents.
Feb. 21.	Mary Louisa Champaux,	F	Joseph and Josephine Champaux.
March 6.	Delia Wizzett,	F	Edward and Mary Wizzett.
April 5.	Vaughan Ripley Brown,	M	William J. and Ella A. Brown.
	20. Margaret Brosnehan,	F	Michael and Mary Brosnehan.
	18. Nellie McKone,	F	John and Delia McKone.
May 7.	Clarence Arthur Burnett,	M	Francis E. and Mary A. Burnett.
Aug. 19.	Jennie Carrie Hitchcock,	F	William N. and Lillian E. Hitchcock.
	27. Alfred Hall Bemis,	M	Fred H. and Carrie E. Bemis.
March 27.	Mabel Leno,	F	Joseph and Arvillo Leno.
Sept. 3.	Thomas William Locke,	M	Francis and Catharine Locke.
June 6.	Florence A. Brown,	F	George F. and Martha Brown.
Oct. 10.	Horatio L. Converse, Jr.	M	Horatio and Mary Converse.
	27. Jesse Leno,	M	David and Lucy Leno.
Nov. 7.	—— Chaffee,	M	John L. and Ella L. Chaffee.
	19. —— Haley,	F	John and Ella Haley.
Dec. 12.	Henry Everett Ryder,	M	Henry A. and Elvira Ryder.
	31. Harry P. Daniels,	M	Dan L. and Imogene S. Daniels.
June 2.	Frank Tart,	M	James and Rosina Tart.
May 28.	Fred Ambrose St George,	M	Frederic and Louisa St. George.
	15. Joseph George Lafleur,	M	Duff and Catharine Lafleur.

DEATHS RECORDED IN BRIMFIELD IN 1883.

Date.	Name.	Disease.	Age.		
Feb. 9.	Polly Richards,	Consumption,	43	7	3
Feb. 13.	Eliza H. Noyes,	Old Age,	72	3	11
Feb. 22.	Eudocia Howard,	Pneumonia,	74	11	28
	28. Mary Louisa Champaux,	Jaundice,			7
March 8.	Philinda Elliot,	Pneumonia,	82	1	8
	12. Liberty Bacon,	Pneumonia,	78	9	28
	16. Clarissa B. Lee,	Cancer of liver,	61		29
	26. David Parker,	Degeneration of heart,	72	3	1
April 8.	Cynthia R. Brown,	Consumption,	33	6	5
	24. Esther Grace King,	Chronic Hydrocephalia,	1	1	12
May 10.	Margaret Brosnahan,	Whooping Cough,			20
	15. Louis B. Moulton,	Consumption,	23	10	6
	16. Palamon Moon,	Acute Enteritis,	80	10	20
June 27.	Thomas W. Dearth,	Dropsy,	70	6	5
July 26.	Honora McMahon,	Acute Pleuresy,	52		
Aug. 6.	Thomas K. Bliss,	Dysentery,	64		5
	7. Alfred Blashfield,	Dysentery,	80	9	6
	8. Solomon S. Gould,	Softening of Liver,	52	7	13
	9. Reuben Parker,	Malignant Lupus,	82		
	16. Harry G. Hitchcock,	Cholera Infantum,	1	9	29
Sept. 20.	Anna Moulton,	Blood Poison,	38	2	6
Nov. 20.	James H. Blashfield,	Heart Disease,	45	6	28
Oct. 13.	Betsey Ferry,	Old Age,	80	11	2
Nov. 14.	— Chaffee,	Imperfect Nutrition,			8
Dec. 8.	Delphia Wetherell,	Paralysis,	84	7	13
March 7.	Delia Wizzett,				1

DEATHS OF NON-RESIDENTS INTERRED IN BRIMFIELD.

Date.	Name.	Place of Death.	Age.		
Jan. 15.	Mary W. Foster,	Palmer,	78	9	19
	25. Charlotte R. Warren,	South Abington,	71	5	2
March 8.	Arthur B. Perry,	East Brookfield,	5	2	9
	11. Rispah Powers,	Greenwich,	79	8	10
	18. Hattie J. Merrett,	Palmer,	2	9	24
	26. Bertha A. Lawrence,	Warren,	1	1	20
Apr. 27.	Fisher A. Foster,	Washington, D. C.	72	6	23
June 1.	Frank Clark,	Sturbridge,	25		
Aug. 13.	Theron Robinson,	Brookfield,	86		3
	15. Charles W. Cowdery,	Monson,	8		

REPORT
OF THE
SCHOOL COMMITTEE
OF THE
TOWN OF BRIMFIELD,
FOR THE
YEAR ENDING MARCH, 1884.

REPORT OF SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

CITIZENS OF BRIMFIELD, — The following table shows the average number of pupils in each school during the year (with the exception of No. 10, in which, the register not being at hand, the average is on the basis of the winter term only) and the average cost of schools for each pupil. In addition there is \$52.55 for miscellaneous matter, which would increase the cost thirty-one cents for each pupil. There are also two or three small unpaid bills.

	No. OF SCHOOL.							
	1.	2.	3.	4.	5.	6-8.	7.	10.
Average No. of pupils .	38	27	23	12	11	13	19	28
Cost per pupil for year .	\$6 65	\$8 85	\$7 75	\$16 48	\$19 00	\$16 21	\$9 53	\$8 61

(Numbers given to nearest *whole* number.)

It will be seen that in almost every case the smaller the school the greater the cost per pupil.

We believe there will be no dissenting voice when we say that \$16 or \$19 per pupil is too much.

We do not feel so sure of support when we suggest that the only possible remedy seems to be consolidation.

It will be seen that there is an average of \$10 to use to transport each pupil in Nos. 4, 5, 6, and 8 to some central place, leaving about \$7 for the teaching.

It has been argued that the expense of transporting pupils from the remote ends of a town to the centre cannot be met. But why, when this thing is discussed, is it always considered necessary to take each pupil at his own door? Why, for instance, cannot those pupils who attend at South Brick be met at that place and taken to the Centre, and at night left at the same place from which they

were taken in the morning? Fifteen minutes would be time enough to transport each way. Probably one third of the pupils in these four schools could perfectly well walk to the Centre. A boy of twelve or thirteen is not damaged any more by walking one or two miles to the common school than he is by walking the same distance to the high school. The average membership in South Brick during the year has been twelve; of these there are not over seven who would have to be transported, probably the limit is six. A man of judgment has estimated that these six could be transported for \$1.50 per week; that is, for what it has cost to school three of them.

During a part of the year, private instruction has been provided for four or five pupils in the Northeast School. This will either have to be continued, or they will have to be transported, there not being enough to sustain a school. This leaves seven or eight in Little Rest School, of whom five or six would have to be transported. This could probably be done for \$2.50 per week. Suppose we have to pay \$3.00 more to get the Tower Hill pupils down: that makes a total of \$7.00 per week to get the pupils together; \$7.00 more for an assistant teacher makes the cost \$14 per week to school these pupils at the Centre.

Let us see what we have saved. \$19.00 per week has been paid for the three teachers in the above schools. The cost of heating two extra schoolhouses and care would not be less than \$1.25, making the cost now \$20.25, to which add 60 cents per week saved on eighteen visits by the committee dispensed with by having two less schools. \$14.00 subtracted from \$20.85 leaves \$6.85 per week margin, far too low an estimate.

Good authority says South Brick is beyond paying for repair.

Estimate a new schoolhouse at \$800, the interest of which at four per cent is \$32 or \$1.07 per week, which, if the above statement is true, would be saved, making the total margin in favor of the transporting system \$7.92 per week.

In this connection we would call attention to the fact that the schoolhouse in No. 6 is in great need of repairs, especially shingling.

It will be said, "Nobody can be found to do the transporting at that price." At first it may be difficult; but let it be remembered that there are in every neighborhood those who either bring pupils to the High School or would send a team to do so if a small extra inducement were offered. Again, there will be found those who would come to the post-office or store several times every week who would receive pay for coming three times perhaps, that they would come any way, and the whole pay really goes to the other seven times when they otherwise would not have come.

We do not consider the money saving which might result as the greatest benefit. With all these pupils under two good teachers, the schools could be graded, and very much better work be done than is now possible to obtain.

The citizens of Brimfield have provided for them, free of cost, a High School. By taking advantage of the lack of the burden which the support of that school would be, and making extra effort to have the common schools what they should be, this town might enjoy unsurpassed educational advantages. We believe if this matter were taken up in earnest, all the pupils could be accommodated in three or four well-graded schools, that better wages could be paid to teachers, and the cost not equal what it is at present.

Sect. 44, Chap. LXIV. of the Public Statutes of Massachusetts says: "Two or more towns may by a vote of each form a district for the purpose of employing a superintendent therein, who shall perform in each town the duties prescribed by law."

We believe it would be for the interest of the schools if Brimfield would unite with several of the surrounding towns and avail itself of the privilege of this statute.

The average price paid to teachers during the year has been six dollars and forty-four cents per week. Thirty weeks' wages amount to one hundred and ninety-three dollars and twenty cents, or six dollars and eighty cents less than the estimated cost of a year's board. This state of affairs necessitates one of these things, viz., that the teacher shall board on her friends, or earn the rest of her living in some other business.

The teacher who is worthy to be kept is worthy to be supported by teaching.

We find in talking with people about teachers' wages the argument brought up that the teacher works only six hours a day five days per week. But in talking of good and poor teachers every one believes that unless the teacher spends much time outside of school in preparation for each day's work he is a poor teacher.

Isn't it about time we left off talking about the teacher's day being six hours long, and demanded and paid for better services?

The schools will commence the present year as follows : —

Spring term, Monday April 21 ; fall term, Monday August 25 ; winter term, Monday after Thanksgiving.

A. A. UPHAM,
for the School Committee.

T. J. MORGAN,
A. A. UPHAM,
School Committee of Brimfield.

ANNUAL REPORTS
OF THE
TOWN OFFICERS
OF THE
TOWN OF BRIMFIELD,
FOR THE
YEAR ENDING MARCH 7, 1885.

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TOWN OFFICERS FOR 1884.

TOWN CLERK AND TREASURER,

HENRY F. BROWN.

SELECTMEN.

MOSES H. BAKER.

FRANK R. NEWTON

JOHN C. SPRING.

ASSESSORS.

SAMUEL W. BROWN.

JONATHAN P. WEBBER.

* JOHN SHANLY.

OVERSEERS OF POOR.

HENRY F. BROWN.

THOMAS J. MORGAN.

PORTER A. PARKER.

SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

THOMAS J. MORGAN.

NEWTON S. HUBBARD.

LOUIS S. BROWN.

ROAD COMMISSIONERS.

MOSES H. BAKER.

JOHN C. SPRING.

WILLIAM J. BROWN.

* COLLECTOR.

JONATHAN P. WEBBER.

CONSTABLES.

FRANCIS E. COOK.

NEEDHAM MOULTON

WARRANT FOR TOWN MEETING,

APRIL 6, 1885.

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS,

HAMPDEN, SS.

TO EITHER OF THE CONSTABLES OF THE TOWN OF BRIMFIELD, GREETING:

In the name of the Commonwealth you are hereby directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of said town, qualified to vote in town affairs, to meet at the Town Hall, in said Brimfield, Monday, the sixth day of April next, at ten o'clock in the forenoon, to act on the following articles:—

FIRST. To choose a moderator to preside at said meeting.

SECOND. To choose all necessary town officers for the ensuing year; also, all committees and agents the business of the town may require. *

THIRD. To hear reports of officers and agents heretofore chosen by the town, and act thereon.

FOURTH. To raise money for the support of schools for the ensuing year.

FIFTH. To raise money for the support of highways, town ways and bridges, and direct how the same shall be expended.

SIXTH. To raise money for the payment of town debts, and to defray expenses for the ensuing year.

SEVENTH. To see if the town will accept the report of the Selectmen for revising the list of jurors.

EIGHTH. To see if the town will authorize the Town Treasurer to borrow money, in anticipation of taxes of the current year, also to borrow money to renew, replace, or pay any existing loan or loans, or any part thereof.

NINTH. To see if the town will allow a discount on taxes, if paid within certain periods, or act thereon.

TENTH. To see what disposition the town will make of their dog fund, or act thereon.

ELEVENTH. To see if the town will authorize the Collector to use the means for collecting taxes which the Town Treasurer may use when appointed Collector.

TWELFTH. To see if the town will cause to be printed the reports of their Town Officers and Agents, or any part of the same.

THIRTEENTH. To see if the town will cause to be printed once in five years, the valuation list, or act thereon.

FOURTEENTH. To bring in their votes (yes or no) upon the question, "Shall licenses be granted for the sale of intoxicating liquors in this town?"

FIFTEENTH. To see if the town will make any alteration in the votes and regulations in relation to the Cemetery, or act thereon.

SIXTEENTH. To see if the town will make any additions to the Town House, for Toilets to the Ante Rooms, to provide a kitchen in the basement, and a well to furnish water, also to provide suitable means to drain the cellar, or act thereon.

SEVENTEENTH. To see if the town will adopt the provisions of Chap. 36, Sec. 29, of the Public Statutes.

EIGHTEENTH. To see if the town will put in a well with a suitable pump at the Cemetery, or act thereon.

NINETEENTH. To see if the town will make any change in the vote passed April, 1879, in relation to the use of the Town Hall, or act thereon.

TWENTIETH. To see if the town will make any change in their vote, in relation to warning town meetings, or act thereon.

TWENTY-FIRST. To see if the town will revoke the vote of April 2nd, 1883, accepting the provisions of Sects. 69, 70, 72 and 73 of Chap. 27 of the Public Statutes in relation to overseers of the poor.

And you are directed to serve this warrant, by posting an attested copy of the same at the Town Hall, and also one at the Centre Post Office in said Brimfield, seven days at least before the time of holding said meeting.

Hereof fail not, and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon to the Town Clerk of said Brimfield, at the time and place of meeting aforesaid.

Given under our hands this twentieth day of March, in the year one thousand eight hundred and eighty-five.

M. H. BAKER,	}	SELECTMEN
F. R. NEWTON,		OF
J. C. SPRING,		BRIMFIELD.

ASSESSORS' REPORT.

Valuation of Brimfield, 1884 :

Value of Real Estate,	\$393,715.00
Value of Personal Estate.	91,517.00
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Total valuation.	\$485,285.00
Number of polls,	302
Tax on polls.	\$2.00
Rate of tax,	\$14.50 per \$1,000.00
Money secured by mortgage,	
Money unsecured,	\$4,600.00
Money on hand including deposits, taxable stocks in corporations without the state,	26,400.00
Number of horses.	217
Number of cows.	776
Number of Sheep,	235
Number of dwelling-houses taxed,	340
Number of acres land taxed,	20.650

ASSESSMENTS.

For State tax,	\$600.00
County tax,	547.67
Highway and railing,	1,200.00
Support of bridges,	150.00
Snow paths,	200.00
Schools,	1,600.00
Support of paupers.	1,200.00
Officers' salaries,	550.00
Discount on taxes,	300.00
Town debt and interest,	500.00
Miscellaneous expenses.	600.00
Overlayings,	192.67

Total tax for Town, County and State, \$7,640.34

PROPERTY EXEMPT FROM TAXATION.

Town farm and stock,	4,300.00
Hitchcock free high school, real \$12,000, personal \$84,503,	96,503.00
First Congregational society,	5,000.00
Advent society,	500.00
10 School houses.	7,500.00
Town hall,	6,000.00
Town library,	1,500.00
Cemetery,	1,000.00
Common,	500.00
Soldiers' monument,	2,400.00

Total exempt. \$125,203.00

SAMUEL W. BROWN, } Assessors
J. P. WEBBER, } of
JOHN SHANLY, } Brimfield.

AUDITORS' REPORT.

Report of the receipts and expenditures of the town of Brimfield
for the year ending March 7, 1885.

PAYMENTS FOR REPAIR OF HIGHWAYS.

1884.

April	7.	Paid Moses H. Baker for 1883-4,	\$5.60	
April	7.	Josiah Stebbins, for 1883-4,	1.47—	\$7.07
May	5.	John C. Spring,	85.27	
May	5.	Miner H. Corbin. . . .	16.17	
July	7.	John C. Spring,	234.21	
July	7.	Miner H. Corbin,	10.28	
July	7.	Albert D. Thomas,	42.65	
July	7.	Josiah Stebbins,	67.74	
Sept.	1.	John C. Spring,	6.22	
Oct.	6.	John C. Spring,	47.60	
Dec.	1.	John C. Spring,	8.59	
Dec.	1.	Josiah Stebbins,	4.71	

1885.

Jan.	5.	Richard H. Arnold, railing, . .	12.50	
Jan.	5.	Benjamin B. Fenton, railing,	7.12	
Jan.	5.	John Spring,	12.51	
March	2.	John C. Spring,	3.21	
March	2.	Thomas J. Morgan, . . . .	.75	
March	7.	Albert D. Thomas,	2.50—	\$562.03

1884.

June	2.	William J. Brown,	111.68	
July	7.	William J. Brown,	176.30	
Sept.	1.	William J. Brown,	34.56	
Oct.	6.	Josiah Stebbins,	15.28	
Oct.	6.	Henry Blodgett,	28.50	
Dec.	1.	William J. Brown,	26.41	
Dec.	1.	Josiah Stebbins,	5.46—	\$398.19

1884.

June	2.	Moses M. Baker,	53.45	
June	2.	Thomas J. Morgan,	6.90	

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FOR SUPPORT OF SCHOOLS.

Paid for wages and board of teachers, for fuel and care of school-houses, for the year ending March 7, 1885 :—

NAME OF TEACHER.	No. of School.	Wages Summer Term.	Wages Fall Term.	Wages Winter Term.	Fuel and Care of Houses.	Total.
Martha E. Stone,	1	\$72 00	\$72 00	\$96 00	\$24 25	\$264 25
Jerre Sullivan,	2	72 00				
Emma J. Blashfield,	2		72 00			
Sophia S. Powers,	2			96 00	24 00	264 00
Jennie E. Livermore,	3	54 00	58 50	78 00	41 00	231 50
Annie M. Brown,	4	54 00				
M. Anna Tarbell,	4		54 00		17 00	125 00
N. Lizzie Kennedy,	5	58 50	58 50	84 00	18 75	219 75
Kate Pendergast,	6	58 50				
Sarah E. Kenney,	6		58 50	78 00	8 00	203 00
Jennie M. Eastman,	7	45 28				
Lucy J. Upham,	7		45 00			
Fannie B. Gates,	7			60 00	19 50	169 78
Emma J. Blashfield,	8	54 00		72 00	16 50	142 50
	9	No. school.				
Lizzie J. Traverse,	10	63 00	63 00	84 00	23 50	233 50
		\$531 28	\$481 50	\$648 00	\$192 50	\$1853 28

Total, \$1,853 28

OTHER EXPENSES FOR SCHOOLS.

Paid Austin Andrews, conveyance of pupils,	\$10.50
George Adams, conveyance of pupils,	21.00
Miner H. Corbin, conveyance of pupils,	5.00
Town of Wales for schooling,	3.99
For cleaning school house, No. 6,	5.00— \$45.49

TEXT BOOKS AND SCHOOL SUPPLIES.

Books received of J. F. Converse,	\$78.21
Deduct cost of worthless books,	6.10 72.11
Paid Boston School Supply Co.	14.27
N. R. Moore for book cases,	14.00
William Ware & Co.,	10.50
Whitney & Adams,	85.76
Lee & Shepard.	56.50

Harrison Hume,	68.30
Knight, Adams & Co.,	88.26
John F. Converse,	11.87
Warren P. Adams,	5.63
Freight and express on books,	4.93
Louis S. Brown, work on books, &c.,	6.17
Newton S. Hubbard, for expenses to Boston,	4.80
Thomas J. Morgan, for expenses to Boston,	3.30— 446.40
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	\$2,345.17

APPROPRIATIONS FOR SCHOOLS.

For wages and board of teachers, fuel, and care of school houses,	\$1,500.00
For conveyance of pupils and other expenses for schools,	100.00
Town's proportion of school fund,	313.39
Received from town of Warren for schooling,	39.00
Due from town of Warren for schooling,	51.33
Received from T. J. Morgan for books sold,	2.34
Received from Louis S. Brown for books sold,	1.63
Received for old books sold Knight, Adams & Co.,	3.00
Received for old books sold Harrison Hume,	12.75
Received for old books sold Lee & Shepard,	5.80
Received of John F. Converse for books sold,95—\$2,030.19
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Cost over appropriations,	\$314.98

FOR REPAIRS OF SCHOOL HOUSES.

1884.

June 2.	Paid A. A. Upham for No. 4	\$ 50
July 7.	Jennie E. Livermore for No. 3	50
Aug. 4.	F. F. Marcy for two toilets	55 52
Sept. 1.	Louis S. Brown for No. 1 and 3	2 55

1885.

Jan. 5.	Louis S. Brown for No. 3	1 63
Jan. 5.	E. J. Piper for chair No. 1	1 25
Jan. 5.	N. S. Hubbard, painting No. 7	20 31
Jan. 5.	F. Edgar Brown No. 1	3 75
Jan. 5.	Herbert E. Benson No. 6	5 62
Jan. 5.	Herbert E. Benson No. 1	14 63

Jan. 5.	A. W. Pierson No. 1 . . .	11 46
Jan. 5.	Cheney Newton, shingles No. 1 .	38 02
Mar. 2.	Louis S. Brown, repairs &c. No. 1	75
Mar. 2.	Louis S. Brown, repairs No. 2 .	1 20
Mar. 2.	Louis S. Brown, repairs No. 3 .	60
Mar. 2.	N. S. Hubbard No. 7 . . .	44
Mar. 2.	N. S. Hubbard No. 5 . . .	1 64
Mar. 2.	Thos. J. Morgan No. 1 . . .	12 05
Mar. 2.	Thos. J. Morgan No. 6 . . .	48 66

\$221 08

FOR SUPPORT OF PAUPERS.

1885.

Apr. 7.	Cheney Newton, potatoes for Frost	40
Mar. 7.	Overseers of Poor . . .	1,895 00
Mar. 7.	Henry F. Brown, expenses for Hattie B. Ackert . . .	16 32

\$1911 72

OFFICERS SALARIES.

SELECTMEN.

1884.

April 7.	Paid Edward H. Morgan . . .	\$16.00
April 7.	Sanford Booth . . .	7.00
April 7.	Moses H. Baker . . .	20.00

\$43.00

ASSESSORS.

Aug. 4.	Paid Jonathan P. Webber . . .	\$30.00
Aug. 4.	Samuel W. Brown . . .	28.00
Sept. 1.	John Shanly . . .	19.00

\$77.00

SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

May 5.	Paid Thomas J. Morgan . . .	\$47.00
June 2.	Arthur A. Upham. . .	1.00

1885.

Mar. 2.	Thomas J. Morgan . . .	27.00
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\$78.00

OVERSEERS OF POOR.

April 7.	Paid Cheney Newton	\$4.00	
May 5.	Thomas J. Morgan	16.00	
1885.			
Mar. 2.	Thomas J. Morgan	10.00	
		<hr/>	\$30.00

AUDITORS.

April 7.	Paid Samuel W. Brown	\$10.00	
April 7.	Edward H. Morgan for 1883 . .	6.00	
April 7.	Moses H. Baker	6.00	
		<hr/>	\$22.00

JANITOR.

April 7.	Paid Needham Moulton	\$31.25	
July 7.	Needham Moulton	25.00	
Oct. 6.	Needham Moulton	25.00	
1885.			
Jan. 5.	Needham Moulton	25.00	
		<hr/>	\$106.25

SEXTON.

May 5.	Paid Francis E. Cook	\$6.00	
July 7.	Francis E. Cook	15.50	
Oct. 6.	Francis E. Cook	20.00	
1885.			
Jan. 5.	Francis E. Cook	22.75	
		<hr/>	\$64.25

CONSTABLE.

May 5.	Paid Francis E. Cook	\$1.00	
	Francis E. Cook	1.00	
1885.			
Jan. 5.	Francis E. Cook	1.00	
		<hr/>	\$3.00

LIBRARIAN.

1885.			
Jan. 5.	Paid M. Lizzie Ward	\$50.00—	\$50.00

COLLECTOR.

Mar. 7.	Paid J. P. Webber, bal. for 1883	\$20.00	
Mar. 7.	J. P. Webber	40.00	
		<hr/>	\$60.00

COMMITTEE ON BARN.

1884.			
May 5.	Paid Thomas J. Morgan	\$8.00	
1885.			
Mar. 2.	Thomas J. Morgan	2.00	
		<hr/>	\$10.00
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			\$543.50

FOR MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSES.

1884.

April	7.	Paid A. Mudge & Son printing reports,	\$42.00
April	7.	M. H. Baker, expense for team	1.50
May	5.	Wm. C. Blashfield, for shavings.	1.60
May	5.	Mrs. Daniel Leno, cleaning library,	1.25
June	2.	Mrs. Daniel Leno, cleaning hall,	4.69
June	2.	Smith & Skerry, insurance town hall,	40.00
June	2.	Springfield Printing Co., for Assesors' books,	2.95
Aug.	4.	J. P. Webber, for tax bills,	3.00
Aug.	4.	S. W. Brown, postage, &c.,	1.00
Sept.	1.	Louis S. Brown, postage, &c.,	.26
Oct.	6.	John Gates, sawing wood,	8.75
Oct.	6.	James N. Buxton, for wood,	31.50
Oct.	6.	F. E. Cook, mowing cemetery,	18.50
Jap.	5.	A. A. Upham, cleaning clock,	.75
Jan.	5.	Ladd, Bros., & Co., insurance, No. 2,	22.50
Jan.	5.	Cheney Newton, mowing common.	2.00
Jan.	5.	Springfield Printing Co., printing.	2.60
Jan.	5.	M. H. Baker, expenses for team,	3.00
Mar.	2.	F. R. Newton, expenses for team.	1.50
Mar.	2.	John F. Converse, oil for Town Hall.	16.87
Mar.	2.	Dr. W. G. Reed, returning births,	.75
Mar.	7.	Henry F. Brown, for State aid paid,	108.00
Mar.	2.	E. A. Rice, stove for Town Hall,	23.00
Mar.	7.	Lockwood, Brooks & Co., for books.	95.96
Mar.	7.	J. P. Webber, for abatement, 1884,	30.00
Mar.	7.	J. P. Webber, for abatement, 1883,	15.90

PAYMENT TOWN DEBT AND INTEREST.

April.	Paid Elector Walker on note,	50.00
	Palmer Savings Bank, interest,	77.50
	Amos Munroe, interest.	54.00
		\$661.33

UNUSUAL EXPENSES.

1884.

April 7.	Paid Brown & Gould, Guide Posts	\$15.30
April 7.	John Haley, damage on highway .	4.00
May 5.	Wm. J. Brown, setting posts . .	7.43
June 2.	M. H. Baker, setting posts . . .	6.30
Oct. 6.	F. E. Cook, two days attending court	5.00
Dec. 1.	J. C. Spring, watering trough on Wales road,	2.25

1885.

Jan. 5.	John F. Lumbard, for freight . .	.75
Jan. 5.	Lucius A. Cutler, fire hook &c. . .	6.80
Jan. 5.	George W. Hall, for ladders . . .	13.50
Jan. 5.	Springfield Printing Co. application book	5.00
Jan. 5.	Wm. F. Mordaunt, rehanging portrait	7.62
Mar. 2.	G. H. Upham, repairs at Town Hall	6.55
Mar. 2.	State, for registry book	1.00
Mar. 2.	Charles B. Fisk, for printing . . .	3.00
Mar. 2.	Springfield Printing Co. rebinding &c.	3.00
Mar. 7.	Geo. M. Whitaker, voting list . . .	3.50
Mar. 7.	Homer Foot & Co. locks &c. Town Hall	3.26
Mar. 7.	Elijah Allen, witness fees	2.00
Mar. 7.	E. W. Hitchcock, witness fees . . .	2.00
Mar. 7.	Frank R. Newton, witness fees . . .	2.00
		<hr/> \$100.26

EXPENDITURES FOR BARN.

1885.

Mar. 2.	Paid Richard H. Arnold	\$1711.70
Mar. 2.	John L. Chaffee, Jr.	35.65
Mar. 2.	Hugh Welch	28.75
Mar. 2.	James Harvey	34.65
Mar. 2.	Wm. H. Lumbard	2.25
Mar. 2.	E. Le Roy Needham	9.28
Mar. 2.	H. F. Brown, bills for refreshments	25.28
Mar. 2.	Brooks Bros.	1.33
Mar. 7.	H. F. Brown, sundry bills paid	12.12
Mar. 7.	Smith & Skerry, for insurance	56.00

Mar. 7.	T. J. Morgan, planks for trough .	3.40
Mar. 7.	C. A. Brown, paints &c. .	90.08
Mar. 7.	Wm. H. H. Lyman, carpenter work	4.50
Mar. 7.	Overseers of Poor for lumber and labor	16.70

\$2031.69

\$2131.95

APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE FOREGOING.

	Appropriations.	Payments.
For repairs of highways and railings	\$1200.00	\$1480.95
Support of bridges	150.00	191.85
Snow paths	200.00	233.60
Schools	1600.00	
Proportion of school fund	313.39	2345.17
Repairs of school houses	100.00	221.08
Support of paupers.	1200.00	1911.72
Officers salaries	550.00	543.50
Discount on taxes	300.00	310.46
Town debt and interest	500.00	181.50
Miscellaneous expenses	300.00	661.33
Unusual expenses	300.00	100.26
Dog fund	109.28	
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	\$6822.67	\$8181.42
Deduct appropriations		6822.67
Payments over appropriations . .		\$1358.75

The expenditures for new barn not included in the above.

COLLECTOR'S REPORT.

JONATHAN P. WEBBER, Collector for 1883.

Dr.

1881.

Mar. 8. To balance tax of 1883, uncollected. . . \$617.55

Cr.

May 9. By paid Town Treasurer, . . \$154.69

June 28. Town Treasurer, . . 100.00

July 18. Town Treasurer, . . 150.00

1885.

Mar. 2. Town Treasurer, . . 212.86

\$617.55

JONATHAN P. WEBBER, Collector for 1884.

Dr.

To Town Tax for 1884, . . . \$7,640.34

Cr.

July 7. By paid Town Treasurer, . . \$250.00

July 25. Town Treasurer, . . 250.00

Aug. 4. Town Treasurer, . . 121.60

Aug. 20. Town Treasurer, . . 373.63

Aug. 30. Town Treasurer, . . 934.98

Sept. 2. Town Treasurer, . . 426.66

County Tax, . . 547.67

Discount allowed on above at 6 per cent. 185.40

Oct. 21. By paid Town Treasurer, . . 200.00

Nov. 11. Town Treasurer, . . 302.00

Dec. 9. Town Treasurer, . . 543.69

Dec. 26. Town Treasurer, . . 485.09

Dec. 31. Town Treasurer, . . 1185.68

1885.

Jan. 2. Town Treasurer, . . 285.11

Discount allowed on above at 4 per cent. 125.06

Feb. 16. By paid Town Treasurer, . . 200.00

Mar. 3. Town Treasurer, . . 252.52

Mar. 7. Town Treasurer, . . 105.90

Mar. 7. Balance tax for 1884 uncollected, 865.35

\$7640.34

OVERSEERS OF POOR.

IN ACCOUNT WITH THE TOWN OF BRIMFIELD.

Dr.

1884.

Mar. 8.	To Poor farm as appraised at date,	\$2600.00	
	Neat stock as appraised at date,	334.50	
	Hay and grain as appraised at date,	35.00	
	Provisions as appraised at date,	171.42	
	Farming tools and wood as		
	appraised at date,	266.95	
	Household Furniture,	251.50	
	Amount of orders paid on account		
	of almshouse,	16.72	
	Money advanced for almshouse,	1895.00	
	Bal. salary due Mr. Lamphear,	210.22	
	Bal. due Lois Moulton Mar. 4,	25.61	
	Due Dr. G. F. Chamberlain Apr. 1,	30.00	
			<hr/> \$5,836.92

Cr.

By Poor farm as appraised March 3, 1885, without			
including new barn,		\$2,600.00	
By neat stock,		457.00	
Hay and grain,		170.00	
Provisions,		109.20	
Farming tools, &c.,		205.05	
Household furniture,		250.75	
From G. B. Shaw for hay,		24.00	
Due from Town of Sutton for Frost,		8.55	
Due from State for burial pauper,		5.00	
Balance the amount it has cost to support the			
poor the past year,		2,007.37	
			<hr/> \$5,836.92
From this balance,			\$2,007.37
Deduct the expense for those out of the almshouse,			
last year bills, etc., viz :			

For H. E. Plimpton, bal. salary last year.	183.04	
Worcester Hospital for Wilbur.	55.03	
Northampton Hospital for Mrs. Bradley.	182.78	
Thomas J. Morgan for Stone girl,	37.06	
State for D. C. Colgrove,	55.14	
City of Springfield for Abbie Bellamy,	30.00	
Painting almshouse,	100.57	
Paid for legal advice,	15.00	
Paid for insurance on almshouse.	26.00	\$684.62
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Cost for those at almshouse.		\$1322.75
Average No. at almshouse,		9 ⁹ / ₁₀
No. of weeks board furnished.		518
Cost of each weeks board,		\$2.57 ¹ / ₅

OVERSEERS OF POOR.

INVENTORY OF PERSONAL PROPERTY AT THE ALMSHOUSE. 1885.

Mar. 4.	One horse,	50.00	
	Two Oxen,	175.00	
	Four cows,	120.00	
	Two two-yrs.-olds,	35.00	
	Three hogs,	53.00	
	One sow and six pigs,	17.00	
	Fourteen hens,	7.00	\$457.00
	Four and one-half tons English hay,	72.00	
	Four tons meadow hay,	24.00	
	Corn fodder three-quarters ton,	6.00	
	Rowen one-third ton,	5.00	
	Rye straw one-half ton,	5.00	
	Corn on the ear, 130 bus. 35c.	45.50	
	Rye fifteen bushels, 70c.	10.50	
	Meal and feed on hand,	2.00	\$170.00
	Provisions,	109.20	
	Farming tools and wood,	205.05	
	Household furniture,	250.75	\$565.00
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		\$1,192.00	

RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES AT THE ALMSHOUSE

FOR THE YEAR ENDING MARCH 4, 1885.

PAYMENTS BY THE WARDEN.

1884.

Mar. 20.	Paid Austin Crouch, . . . .	.25
Mar. 25.	H. E. Plympton for use of sled, . . .	1.00
Apr. 1.	For crackers,	1.61
Apr. 1.	Patrick White for butchering, . . .	.50
Apr. 16.	O. C. Switzer for two shoats, . . .	20.00
Apr. 29.	For crackers,	1.87
May 1.	For fish, . . . .	.63
May 7.	Agnes Gibbs for labor,	12.50
May 9.	Patrick White for butchering, . . .	.50
May 10.	Ansel Holbrook for seed corn, . . .	.75
May 10.	Michael Brosnahan for labor, . . .	2.00
May 15.	Agnes Gibbs for labor,	3.12
May 20.	Rice & Co. for cotton cloth, . . .	4.20
May 21.	B. S. Baker for fish, . . . .	.70
May 21.	Mrs. I. W. Pratt for two cows, . . .	70.00
May 29.	For Hat for A. Crouch, . . . .	.20
May 29.	Geo. H. Rand for soap,	5.00
June 2.	P. A. Parker for seed corn, . . . .	.50
June 7.	Wetherbee for wrench, . . . .	.75
June 11.	B. S. Baker for fish, . . . .	.56
June 14.	Henry Richards for labor,	5.00
June 19.	Elbridge Bliss for buckwheat, . . .	.50
June 23.	J. A. Palmer for cattle at auction, . .	41.00
June 25.	Wetherbee for two locks, . . . .	.30
June 26.	Henry C. Richards for labor, . . .	1.40
June 26.	Ward for fixing water tank,	2.25
June 28.	Henry C. Richards for labor, . . .	1.00
July 1.	Henry C. Richards for labor, . . .	10.00
July 2.	A. F. Fisher for repairing tinware, . .	.20
July 11.	Henry C. Richards for labor, . . .	10.00
July 12.	Austin Crouch, . . . .	.25
July 15.	E. Livermore for shoes,	1.60
July 16.	B. S. Baker for fish, . . . .	.70

July 19.	Paid Daniel Leno for labor.	2.50
July 21.	Mary Seery for labor,	25.00
July 26.	William Combs for coffin,	15.00
July 26.	Leonard Upham for labor,	19.25
July 26.	Frank D. Moore,	6.00
July 29.	Henry C. Richards for labor,	8.00
July 31.	For Crackers,	1.80
Aug. 4.	William N. Hitchcock for mowing,	6.38
Aug. 6.	Wetherbee for cow bell,	.35
Aug. 8.	E. Shaw for planing boards,	1.00
Aug. 14.	Pond for harness pad and tie line,	1.10
Aug. 23.	Henry C. Richards for labor,	10.00
Aug. 29.	H. E. Boughton for shoes,	1.15
Sept. 1.	Henry C. Richards for labor,	5.00
Sept. 9.	Wetherbee for two corn cutters,	.40
Sept. 23.	Merrick Lamphear on salary,	25.00
Sept. 23.	Daniel Leno for labor,	10.00
Oct. 4.	Daniel Leno for labor,	10.00
Oct. 11.	Brooks Bros., hay cutter & shovel,	8.50
Oct. 15.	Wetherbee, cap for Crouch,	.50
Oct. 15.	Henry C. Richards for labor,	2.35
Oct. 16.	I. W. Pratt, for making cider,	2.00
Oct. 18.	Henry C. Richards, for labor,	2.00
Oct. 30.	Merrick Lamphear, on salary,	25.00
Oct. 30.	P. A. Parker, for sundries,	2.86
Nov. 3.	John L. Bacon, for ammonia,	.75
Nov. 4.	William N. Hitchcock, for labor,	.25
Nov. 7.	Henry C. Richards, for labor,	1.30
Nov. 7.	H. C. Boughton, for shoes,	1.25
Nov. 19.	P. A. Parker for H. C. Richards,	10.50
Nov. 19.	H. C. Richards,	3.74
Nov. 20.	For two pairs of rubber shoes,	1.00
Nov. 21.	Guy Carlton, for ox sled,	5.00
Nov. 25.	Mrs David A. Moulton for labor,	10.00
Dec. 1.	George Rand, for soap,	1.25
Dec. 8.	Henry C. Richards, for chopping,	3.00
Dec. 16.	Merrick Lamphear, on salary,	10.00
Dec. 29.	W. M. Combs, for coffin,	13.00
Dec. 31.	Mrs. David A. Moulton, for labor,	2.00

1885.

Jan. 8.	Henry C. Richards, for chopping,	8.00	
Jan. 30.	Henry C. Richards for labor on ice,	5.50	
Jan. 30.	Henry A. Webber, for ice and use of tools,	6.50	
Mar. 4.	Merrick Lamphear, on salary,	29.78	\$504.80

PAYMENTS BY OVERSEERS OF POOR.

1884.

Apr. 4.	Paid H. E. Plimpton bal. of salary,	183.04	
Apr. 5.	Northampton Hospital for Mrs. Bradley,	43.45	
Apr. 7.	Worcester Hospital for L. Wilbur,	43.87	
Apr. 27.	Insurance on almshouse, Quincy,	26.00	
May 15.	Dr. G. F. Chamberlain as per contract,	30.00	
May 15.	Holden & Co. for 1-2 bbl. of beef and freight,	9.25	
	David A. Moulton for hay,	17.50	
	Lois P. Moulton for cow,	25.00	
	John Himes labor at time of fire,	1.00	
May 29.	Michael Brosnahan for labor,	28.72	
	John F. Converse for E. P. Frost,	1.56	
June 2.	T. J. Morgan expenses for Wilbur,	15.26	
July 1.	Worcester Hospital for Wilbur,	11.16	
	Northampton Hospital for Mrs. Bradley,	46.84	
	State, for D. C. Colgrove,	28.86	
	Porter A. Parker for butter, milk &c,	2.67	
	G. M. Whitaker for auction bills,	1.75	
July 17.	Cheney Newton for groceries,	54.46	
Aug. 20.	F. E. Cook, bill of coffin &c,	5.50	
Aug. 30.	N. S. Hubbard for hay and pigs,	41.79	
Sept. 5.	John F. Converse, bill of goods,	122.17	
Sept. 12.	John B. Gould, flour and meal,	29.06	
Sept. 12.	Geo. W. Hall for ladders,	6.25	
Sept. 29.	E. W. Hitchcock, bill for meat,	14.25	

Oct. 1.	Paid Northampton Hospital, for Mrs. Bradley,	17.47
Oct. 1.	State, for D. C. Colgrove,	13.14
Oct. 1.	City of Springfield, for Abbie Bellamy,	30.00
Oct. 6.	E. E. Tarbell, bill of iron work,	8.00
Oct. 15.	N. A. Leonard, Esq. for written opinion,	10.00
Oct. 15.	Geo. B. Brown, goods for Frost,	3.09
Oct. 30.	J. Harvey, for work on almshouse,	1.50
Nov. 29.	Edward Fairbanks, for goods,	111.95
	Est. Darins Shaw, bill for sawing,	11.80
	Wm. H. H. Lyman,	1.58
	Wales tax,	3.28
	Horace E. Janes, for ox bows,	1.00
1885.		
Jan. 1.	Northampton Hospital, for Mrs. Bradley,	45.32
Jan. 1.	State, for D. C. Colgrove,	13.14
Jan. 8.	John B. Gould, flour, meal &c.	36.73
Jan. 12.	C. L. Morey & Co. for steam pipe,	10.48
Jan. 13.	P. A. Parker, for beef,	10.53
	A. F. Fisher, for stove &c.,	18.77
	William H. Holdridge, painting almshouse,	100.57
Jan. 2.	A. A. Stebbins, for work on tramp room,	3.62
Feb. 2.	John F. Lombard, for teaming,	1.75
	E. E. Tarbell, bill for iron work,	3.00
	T. C. Blashfield, bill,	5.65
	W. W. McClench, Esq. for counsel,	5.00
	E. W. Potter, bill for blacksmithing,	17.65
	Edward W. Hitchcock, meat bill,	47.68
	Henry C. Richards, for chopping,	7.81
	John F. Converse, for groceries,	37.52
	T. J. Morgan, board and clothes for Stone girl,	37.06
	George M. Hitchcock, bill,	1.60
	P. A. Parker, for bench tools &c.	6.00

Paid John B Gould, for flour, meal &c.	19.10	
Hitchcock Free High School, for boards.	4.62	
E. C. & D. Buxton.	21.50	
Faneuf & Co. for goods.	17.57	
Senton Bros. for goods.	19.00	
Lois Moulton for labor.	41.68	\$1592.27
		<hr/> \$2097.07

RECEIPTS BY THE WARDEN.

1884.

Mar. 17.	By cash received for 10 gallons cider.	\$1.60
Mar. 17.	F. E. Cook, for potatoes.	.25
Mar. 17.	Wm. H. Lombard, for beans.	.10
Mar. 24.	A. Lombard, for beets.	.25
Mar. 25.	H. Buxton, for potatoes.	.50
Mar. 25.	H. E. Plimpton, for bureau,	2.00
Mar. 25.	H. E. Plimpton, for potatoes,	.80
Mar. 29.	F. R. Newton, 1 bush. potatoes,	.50
Apr. 15.	Plimpton, fees as witness.	1.40
Apr. 15.	Plimpton, work on road.	1.80
Apr. 15.	Town Treasurer,	20.00
Apr. 7.	S. W. Brown for potatoes.	.40
May 7.	Town Treasurer,	15.00
May 15.	M. H. Baker, 5 bus. potatoes.	2.50
May 19.	A. Munroe, 1 bus. potatoes,	.50
May 20.	Town Treasurer.	75.00
May 15.	Town Treasurer,	5.00
June 14.	Town Treasurer,	5.00
June 19.	Town Treasnrer,	5.00
June 23.	Town Treasurer,	41.00
June 26.	Town Treasurer,	5.00
July 3.	Town Treasnrer,	10.00
July 5.	Henry C. Richards for potatoes,	.25
July 18.	Town Treasurer,	20.00
July 23.	Town Treasurer,	55.00
July 29.	Town Treasurer,	20.00
Aug. 4.	Henry F. Brown for potatoes,	.45

Aug. 28.	Town Treasurer, . . .	15.00	
Aug. 29.	Henry F. Brown for potatoes, .	.50	
Sept. 23.	Town Treasurer, . . .	35.00	
Oct. 4.	Town Treasurer, . . .	10.00	
Oct. 11.	Town Treasurer, . . .	10.00	
Oct. 18.	Town Treasurer, . . .	6.00	
Oct. 30.	Town Treasurer, . . .	25.00	
Oct. 30.	P. A. Parker, for Richards, .	1.00	
Nov. 19.	By cash of Town Treasurer, .	15.00	
Nov. 21.	Town Treasurer, . . .	5.00	
Nov. 25.	Town Treasurer, . . .	10.00	
Nov. 25.	For apples sold, . . .	3.00	
Dec. 16.	Town Treasurer, . . .	10.00	
Dec. 29.	Eldridge Acker for coffin, .	13.00	
1885.			
Jan. 8.	Town Treasurer, . . .	10.00	
Jan. 30.	Town Treasurer, . . .	12.00	
Feb. 12.	Of Sullivan, 10 bus. potatoes, .	5.00	
Mar. 4.	M. Lamphier board of child, .	30.00	\$504.80

RECEIPTS OF OVERSEERS OF POOR.

1885.

Mar. 7.	By cash for labor and materials for barn, .	\$16.70	
	John F. Lombard, for straw, .	9.00	
	John F. Converse, for potatoes, .	2.50	
	By rec'd of E. W. Potter for potatoes, .	1.00	
	E. W. Hitchcock for pork, .	24.00	
	E. W. Hitchcock for hide, .	1.98	
	E. C. & D. Buxton for potatoes, .	21.50	
	Faneuf & Co. for potatoes, .	17.57	
	Senton Bros. for apples and potatoes, . . .	19.00	
	E. Fairbanks for butter &c. .	23.02	
	By cash on town orders, . . .	1456.00	\$1592.27
			<hr/> \$2097.07

TREASURER'S REPORT.

HENRY F. BROWN *in account with the Town of Brimfield.*

1884.		Dr.	
Mar.	8.	To balance of settlement,	\$4,398.60
April	7.	Cash received from Second Congregational church for rent of Hall,	125.00
May	29.	Amount received from the State for support of Lizzie Young.	33.70
July	7.	Cash of A. D. Thomas for plank sold.	1.00
Nov.	26.	Cash received from town of Warren for schooling,	39.00
Dec.	1.	Corporation tax from State Treasurer.	116.28
Dec.	1.	National Bank tax from State Treasurer,	425.44
Dec.	1.	State aid reimbursed by State Treasurer,	134.00
1885.			
Jan.	9.	Dog tax from County Treasurer.	101.06
Jan.	26.	Proportion of school fund from State Treasurer,	313.39
Mar.	5.	Cash received of E. W. Car- der for use of Hall,	55.00
Mar.	5.	Cash received of E. W. Car- der for stove sold,	1.50
Mar.	7.	Cash of T. J. Morgan for books sold,	2.34
Mar.	7.	Cash of Louis S. Brown for books sold,	1.63
Mar.	7.	Cash of J. F. Converse for books sold, . . . . .	.95
Mar.	7.	Cash of J. P. Webber, bal- ance of tax for 1883,	617.55
Mar.	7.	Cash of J. P. Webber, inter- est on taxes for 1883,	20.05
Mar.	7.	Cash of J. P. Webber, on Cer- tificates for 1884.	5,916.86
			<hr/> \$12,303.35

1884.	Cr.	
Dec. 1.	By paid State tax,	\$600.00
1885.		
Mar. 7.	By paid orders as follows, viz :	
	For repair of highways,	1,480.95
	Repair of bridges,	191.85
	Snow paths,	233.60
	Support of schools,	2,251.51
	Repair of school houses,	221.08
	Support of paupers,	1,911.72
	Officers' salaries,	543.50
	Miscellaneous expenses,	661.33
	Unusual expenses,	2,131.95
	Balance in Treasurer's hands,	2,075.86
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		\$12,303.35

LIABILITIES AND ASSETS OF THE TOWN.

LIABILITIES.

1885.		
Mar. 7.	Due Elector Walker, note and interest,	1,045.00
Mar. 7.	Amos Munroe, note and interest	
	April 1,	913.50
	Palmer Savings Bank, note and interest April 1,	1,569.37
	Dog fund not appropriated,	101.06
	Needham Moulton, janitor,	25.00
	Dr. G. F. Chamberlain, April 1,	30.00
	Merrick Lamphear,	210.22
	Lois Moulton,	25.61
	Northampton Hospital, for Mrs. Bradley,	43.00
	State, for D. C. Colgrove,	13.14
	On bills not presented, estimated,	200.00
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		\$4,175.90

ASSETS.

1885.		
Mar. 7.	Cash in hands of the Treasurer,	2,075.86
	Due from Second Congregational Church,	125.00
	Due from State for soldiers aid,	108.00
	Due for taxes uncollected,	865.35
	Balance amount of debt over assets,	1,001.69
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		\$4,175.90

Submitted by

HENRY F. BROWN.	} Auditors.
MOSES H. BAKER,	
SAMUEL W. BROWN,	

REPORT OF ROAD COMMISSIONERS.

The Road Commissioners herewith present the required report of guide-posts maintained by the town.

The total number maintained is twenty-five, and located as follows :—

Two at east end of common, one to Palmer and one to Warren.

One at junction of roads near Wm. Fosket.

Two at junction of roads near the late David Parker.

One at junction of roads near Charles A. Brown.

One at junction of roads near John F. Converse's store.

One at the junction of roads near George F. Holdbridge.

One on Warren road leading to Dauphin Brown's.

One at corner near S. J. Blair to Warren,

One at fork of road west of Dauphin Brown's.

One at fork of road near Dunhamptown Schoolhouse.

One at fork of road near Schoolhouse No. 6.

Two at fork of road near Austin Woodard.

Four at junction of roads near Chester Scarborough.

One at forks of road near John C. Spring.

One at forks of road near F. E. Cook.

One at forks of roads near Alfred Lombard.

One at forks of road near P. A. Parker.

One at forks of road near Thomas McMahon.

One at forks of road at the house of John W. Lawrence.

M. H. BAKER.	} Road Commissioners	
W. J. BROWN,		of
J. C. SPRING.		Brimfield.

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT.

MARRIAGES RECORDED IN BRIMFIELD IN 1884.

Date.	Bridegroom.	Residence.	Bride.	Residence.
Jan. 1.	Clesson B. Moulton,	Brimfield.	Miriam Hurlburt,	Wales.
June 26.	Frank W. Combs,	Brimfield.	Abbie J. Foster,	West Brookfield.
Sept. 19.	John Reynolds, Jr.,	Brimfield.	Hattie Stearns,	Warren.
Sept. 20.	Harry W. Walling,	Detroit, Mich.	Mary Frances Wyles,	Brimfield.
Nov. 19.	George R. Doane,	No. Brookfield.	Sadie H. Williams,	Brimfield.
Dec. 25.	Morris Leroy Minor,	Phila., Pa.	Lucy Jane Upham,	Brimfield.
Dec. 25.	Herbert C. Norcross,	Monson.	Martha C. Bacon,	Brimfield.
Jan. 23.	George B. Brown,	Brimfield.	Orpha M. Hulett,	Rutland, Vt.

BIRTHS RECORDED IN BRIMFIELD IN 1884.

Date.	Name of Child.	Sex.	Names of Parents.
Jan. 1.	Eliza Sophia Frost,	F	Edwin P. and Celia Frost.
Jan. 5.	Mary Louisa Philippi,	F	Robert and Dora Philippi.
Jan. 8.	George Munroe Tarbell,	M	Charles S. and Lizzie Tarbell.
March 1.	Katie Louisa Mason,	F	William H. and Emily A. Mason.
Mar. 27.	Belle Maylott,	F	Rodolph and Ida Maylott.
May 12.	Harry Arthur Stebbins,	M	Arthur and Ella E. Stebbins.
May 14.	Joseph Wizzard,	M	Edward and Mary Wizzard.
May 24.	William Joseph Shaw,	M	William and Ellen Shaw.
June 25.	Fred Springer,	M	Henry and Matilda Springer.
June 28.	Anna Marian Richards,	F	Henry C. and Margaret Richards.
July 5.	Arthur Lafleur,	M	Duffie and Catharine Lafleur.
July 22.	Agnes Seufert,	F	Wendelin and Mary Seufert.
Aug. 4.	Harry Frank Lamphear,	M	Merrick and Nellie E. Lamphear.
Aug. 8.	Joseph Marilla Labroad,	M	Joseph and Mary Labroad.
Aug. 16.	Ezra Henry Laplante,	M	Ezra and Delia Laplante.
Sept. 7.	William Sherman Hicks,	M	Orrin and Julia A. Hicks.
Sept. 8.	Anna Wyles Converse,	F	John F. and Lizzie L. Converse.
Dec. 11.	Alice Mary Brown,	F	William Johnson and Ella A. Brown.
Dec. 18.	Grace Annie Tarbell,	F	Elijah Evarts and Mary H. Tarbell.

DEATHS RECORDED IN BRIMFIELD IN 1884.

Date.	Name.	Disease.	Yrs.	Age. Mos.	Days.
Feb. 4.	Eva Brothers,		1		28
Feb. 22.	Henry F. Brownell,	Consumption,	22	10	7
Feb. 26.	Edgar Hurlburt,	Heart Disease,		3	4
Mar. 15.	Sally Bliss,	Paralysis,	81	3	3
May 8.	Ruth B. Sherman,	Paralysis,	87	5	20
May 15.	Augusta E. Bacon,	Consumption,	37	3	1
June 22.	Willie Dion,	Drowned,	12	6	13
June 30.	David A. Moulton,	Consumption,	70	9	27
July 21.	Barnard Adams,	Heart Disease,	77		9
Aug. 22.	Fred Springer,	Cholera Infantum,		1	27
Aug. 30.	Sumner Parker,	Bright's Disease,	68		10
Sept. 11.	Charles O. Stone,	Drowned,	50	5	1
Sept. 28.	Fred K. Bemis,	Caught in Mill Shaft,	30	7	23
Sept. 18.	Darius Shaw,	Inflammation of Bladder,	85	6	14
Oct. 12.	William Shaw,	Consumption,	24	10	8
Dec. 15.	Elizabeth Brownell,	Heart Disease,	83		
Dec. 30.	Dwight P. Allen,	Drowned,	52	8	8
Dec. 30.	Walter A. Bennett,	Drowned,	26		22

OTHER DEATHS INTERRED IN BRIMFIELD.

Date.	Name.	Disease.	Yrs.	Age. Mos.	Days.
Jan, 15.	Charles E. Miller,	Paralysis,	31	11	
Sept. 6.	Stephen Agard,	Consumption,	55		
July 19.	Cheney J. Sherman,		79	1	
July 23.	Charles H. Tower,		22	11	18
Dec. 13.	Albert Marcy,		64	6	27
June 12.	Joseph G. Baker,		42	4	2
June 1.	Marquis Hall,		49	7	
Aug. 17.	Charles D. Stoddard,		29		7
May 1.	Sarah M. Lyman,		66	4	
Dec. 15.	John B. Shaw,		26	8	15

REPORT

OF THE

SCHOOL COMMITTEE

OF THE

TOWN OF BRIMFIELD,

FOR THE

YEAR ENDING MARCH, 1885.

SCHOOL REPORT.

The schools of Brimfield, although not altogether what they should be, are on the whole in a better condition of excellence and progress than they have been for the last three years. How shall we secure good schools? Now it requires a combination of several elements to make a successful public school. Those elements are partly material and partly human. The material, such as school houses, fuel, text-books, etc. The human, that is parents, children, teachers, school committee and the public at large. When all these elements combine and act together, the result is good schools. When any one of these fails to perform its proper duties and functions, the welfare and success of the school is imperiled.

The greatest factor in the problem is the teacher. You may have a poor school with a good teacher, but not often. You never did have a good school with a poor teacher. How shall we get good teachers? How shall we keep them when we get them? Candidates are plenty enough, but it would require omniscience itself to always select and put the right one in the right place, especially when the person seeking the position is without experience and often times a stranger. We are happy to say, most of our present corps of teachers were reared and educated in our own town, are domesticated with us, and enjoy the confidence of the committee as well as that of the communities where their respective schools are located, and what is more and better than this, have won the almost universal love and confidence of their pupils. Where this point is attained, success is sure. Such teachers can have things pretty much their own way in this or almost any other town.

These young ladies, nearly all of them, could command better pay in some of the adjoining towns than they receive from us, and we are conscious of the fact that we could not import the same kind and quality of service for the same amount of money. Some complain we pay too much wages to teachers. The average pay of female teachers in the State of Mass., is \$41.90 per month. The average pay of teachers in Brimfield is \$27 per month, which is \$3 per week

less than the average pay of teachers throughout the State. Your committee have been confronted with these facts every time they have been obliged to go into the market to find teachers. These poor girls continue to serve you as teachers, for small pay, because of the attachments of home.

Sometimes filial or fraternal duty compels them to live at or near home. We take advantage of these circumstances, to save money to the town, but confess we do not feel proud of such a financial achievement, and most of you doubtless feel as we do, but have thought best to set forth these facts and figures to stop grumbling, except where grumbling is *constitutional*; there is no help for such cases. We could supply every school in town with teachers at \$5.00 per week, but it would be utter ruin to your schools, and an almost entire waste of money. Our motto should be good schools or none; good teachers or none. Parents and guardians can do much to insure success in schools, but they should be careful how they criticize a teacher before their children. How much mischief has been done in this way. Teachers are often condemned without being heard or even seen, by fond, doting parents, who listen to the stories of their children, and pass a hasty and inconsiderate judgement upon the teacher.

Confidence and sympathy, between the child and teacher, without which there can be no successful teaching, is thus destroyed. Parents and guardians can do a great deal for the schools, if they try and help us to remedy those great evils, "Tardiness and Absence." In one of our largest schools, the record shows an average attendance of only 73 per cent. Others show an average of 95 per cent, which we consider very good.

The schoolhouses No. 1 and 6 have been shingled and repaired. For detailed report of school expenses the past year, we refer you to the report of the Auditing Committee.

For the year 1885, schools will commence as follows:

Spring term, Monday, April 6th.

Fall term, Monday, August 31st.

Winter term, Monday, November 30th.

THOS. J. MORGAN,	} <i>Chairman.</i>	
N. S. HUBBARD,		} <i>School</i>
LOUIS S. BROWN,		

Brimfield, March, 1885.

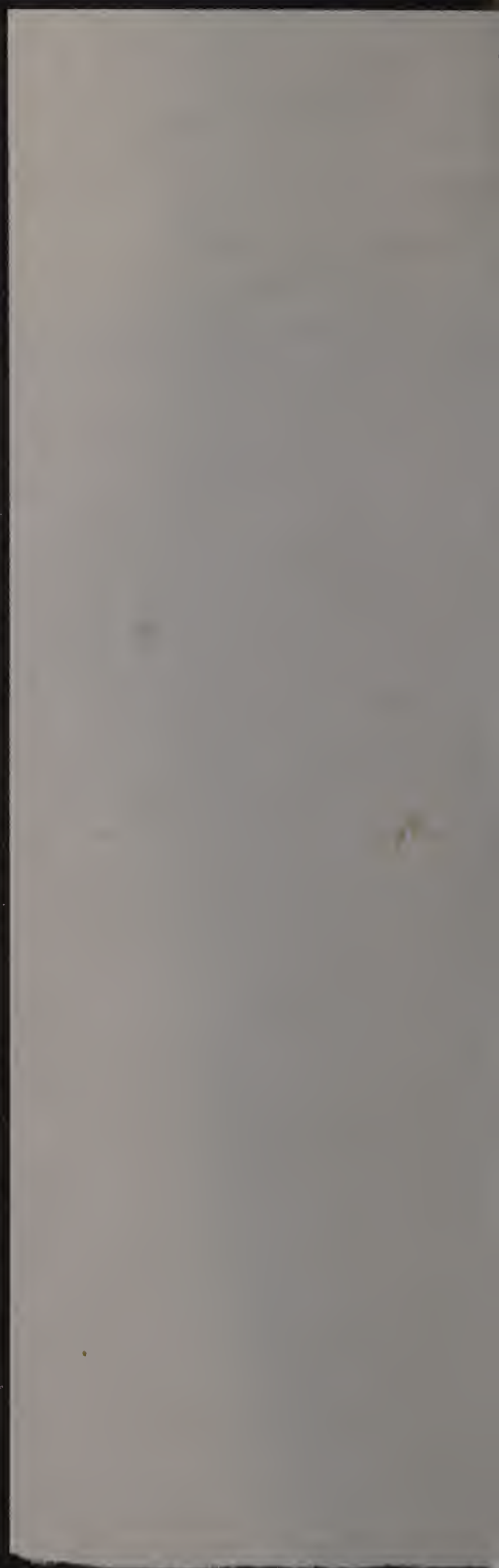
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OF THE
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For the Year Ending March 8, 1886.

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TOWN OFFICERS FOR 1885.

Town Clerk and Treasurer,

HENRY F. BROWN.

Selectmen,

MOSES H. BAKER, FRANK R. NEWTON,
DAVID W. JANES.

Assessors,

SAMUEL W. BROWN, JOHN SHANLEY,
JONATHAN P. WEBBER.

Overseers of Poor,

THOMAS J. MORGAN, PORTER A. PARKER,
FRANCIS E. COOK.

School Committee,

LOUIS S. BROWN, THOMAS J. MORGAN,
NEWTON S. HUBBARD.

Road Commissioners,

WILLIAM J. BROWN, JOHN C. SPRING.
MOSES H. BAKER.

Fence Viewers,

NEWTON S. HUBBARD, THOMAS J. MORGAN,
GEORGE M. HITCHCOCK.

Constables,

FRANK EDGAR BROWN, NEEDHAM MOULTON.

Cemetery Committee,

GEORGE M. HITCHCOCK, FRANK R. NEWTON,
EDWARD W. POTTER.

Collector,

JONATHAN P. WEBBER.

Sexton,

GEORGE M. HITCHCOCK.

Directors of the Public Library,

HENRY F. BROWN, SAMUEL W. BROWN,
LOUIS S. BROWN.

WARRANT FOR TOWN MEETING,

APRIL 5th, 1886.

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS,
HAMPDEN, SS.

To F. EDGAR BROWN, Constable of Brimfield, GREETING:

In the name of the Commonwealth you are hereby directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of said town, qualified to vote in town affairs, to meet at the Town Hall, in said Brimfield, Monday, the Fifth day of April next, at ten o'clock in the forenoon, to act on the following articles :

FIRST. To choose a moderator to preside at said meeting.

SECOND. To choose all necessary town officers for the ensuing year; also all committees and agents the business of the town may require.

THIRD. To hear reports of officers and agents heretofore chosen by the town, and act thereon.

FOURTH. To raise money for the support of schools for the ensuing year.

FIFTH. To raise money for the support of highways, town ways and bridges, and direct how the same shall be expended.

SIXTH. To raise money for the payment of town debts, and to defray expenses for the ensuing year.

SEVENTH. To see if the town will accept the report of the Selectmen for revising the list of jurors.

EIGHTH. To see if the town will authorize the Town Treasurer to borrow money, in anticipation of taxes of the current year; also to borrow money to renew, replace, or pay any existing loan or loans, or any part thereof.

NINTH. To see if the town will allow a discount on taxes, if paid within certain periods, or act thereon.

TENTH. To see what disposition the town will make of their dog fund, or act thereon.

ELEVENTH. To see if the town will authorize the Collector to use the means for collecting taxes which the town Treasurer may use when appointed Collector.

TWELFTH. To see if the town will cause to be printed the reports of their town officers and agents, or any part of the same.

THIRTEENTH. To see if the town will make any alteration in the votes and regulations in relation to the Cemetery or act thereon.

FOURTEENTH. To see if the town will raise and appropriate any money for State Aid under Chapter 30, Section 10 of the Public Statutes.

FIFTEENTH. To see if the town will revoke the vote of April 3, 1882, accepting the provisions of Chapter 158, acts of 1871, in relation to Road Commissioners.

SIXTEENTH. To bring in their votes (yes or no) upon the question, "Shall licenses be granted for the sale of intoxicating liquors in this town?"

And you are directed to serve this warrant, by posting an attested copy of the same at the Town hall, one at the Centre Post Office, and by mailing a copy to the post offices at East and West Brimfield, and by mailing or otherwise sending a copy to Fosket's Mills, seven days at least before the time of holding said meeting.

Hereof fail not, and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon to the Town Clerk of said Brimfield, at the time and place of meeting aforesaid.

Given under our hands this eleventh day of March, in the year one thousand eight hundred and eighty-six.

MOSES H. BAKER,
FRANK R. NEWTON,
DAVID W. JANES,

Selectmen of Brimfield.

Report of the Selectmen.

To the Citizens of Brimfield :

Your Selectmen submit the following as their report and a statement of orders drawn on account of bills approved by the various officers and committees chosen by the town for the year ending March 8th, 1886 :

FOR MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSES.

1885.

April 6.	Paid Frank R. Newton, for postage,	\$.39
April 6.	Palmer Journal, printing report,	38.00
April 6.	Wm. C. Blashfield, for shavings,	.40
April 6.	Needham Moulton, team to Little Rest,	.50
May 4.	E. W. Carder, work on Town Hall,	2.00
May 4.	James L. Bowen, History of 37th Regiment Mass. Vols.,	2.16
May 4.	Dr. V. St. Germain, returning births,	.75
June 1.	Daniel Haynes, work on book case, Town Hall,	4.00
June 1.	Dwight Brothers, Town order blanks,	6.50
June 1.	Thomas J. Morgan, for shavings,	.60
June 1.	Henry F. Brown, labor on Town History, postage, express, &c.,	225.75
July 6.	E. E. Tarbell, labor at Town Hall,	.50
July 6.	W. C. Lewis, pipe for watering tub,	5.93
July 6.	Josiah Stebbins, filling in around wa- tering tub at Fosket's Mills,	18.50
Aug. 3.	E. W. Carder, repairs at Town Hall,	.50
Aug. 3.	F. E. Cook, mowing cemetery,	18.00
Aug. 3.	J. P. Webber, printing tax bills,	3.00
Aug. 3.	M. H. Baker, ladder hooks,	1.21

Sept.	7.	F. R. Newton, work on ladders,	. \$2.40
Sept	7.	J. T. Brown, oil can for Town House,	8.25
Sept.	7.	B. E. Sibley, work on common,	7.88
Sept.	7.	Austin Moulton, work on common,	7.00
Sept.	7.	Silas Parker, " " "	6.00
Oct.	5.	James Harvey, relaying barn floor at Town Farm,	. . . 11.10
Oct.	5.	C. L. Mowry & Co., hose and hose bibb for Town House,	. . . 2.70
Oct.	5.	James T. Brown, oil for Town House,	6.52
Nov.	2.	F. F. Marcy, lumber for wood-box- es for Town House,	. . . 3.63
Nov.	2.	W. H. Lombard, wood for Town House,	. . . 13.78
Dec.	7.	Geo. H. Upham, labor at cemetery and Town Hall,	. . . 4.70
Dec.	7.	S. H. Hellyar & Co., cambrie for decorating,	. . . 5.22
Dec.	7.	John C. Spring, labor on watering tub at John L. Chaffee's,	. . . 14.45
Dec.	7.	W. J. Brown, for sawing wood for Town House,	. . . 3.00
1886.			
Jan.	4.	Frank R. Newton, labor on wood- boxes for Town House,	. . . 3.42
Feb.	1.	Frank E. Webster, sawing wood for Town House,	. . . 1.50
Feb.	1.	W. G. Reed, M. D., returning births,	1.75
Feb.	1.	Geo. F. Chamberlin, " "	2.00
Feb.	1.	A. F. Fisher, drip-pan for Town Hall,	.50
March	1.	J. P. Webber, abatements of taxes,	4.58
March	1.	James N. Buxton, wood for Town Hall,	. . . 3.00
March	1.	Ladd Bros. & Co., Ins. on library,	30.00
March	1.	F. F. Marcy, plans Alms-house barn,	10.00
March	5.	Geo. M. Hitchcock, labor on tomb,	6.00
March	5.	John F. Converse, goods for Town House,	. . . 8.91

March 5.	Springfield Printing Co., rebinding old record books,	\$11.95	
March 5.	Henry F. Brown, record and index book,	4.00	
March 5.	Henry F. Brown, express and p'stage,	11.63	
		-----	\$524.56

FOR PAYMENT TOWN DEBT AND INTEREST.

1885.

May 4.	Paid Electa Walker, on note,	\$ 51.39	
July 6.	Amos Monroe, int'est on note,	27.00	
Aug. 3.	Palmer Savings Bank, inter- est on note,	38.75	

1886.

Feb. 1.	Palmer Savings Bank, inter- est on note,	31.00	
Feb. 1.	Amos Munroe, int'est on note,	27.00	
Feb. 1.	Springfield Institution for Savings, interest on note,	13.00	
		-----	\$188.14

FOR SPILING WEST SIDE OF TOWN HALL.

1885.

Dec. 7.	Paid M. H. Baker, for labor,	\$23.30	
		-----	\$23.30

PUBLIC LIBRARY.

1886.

March 5.	Paid Cleaves, Macdonald & Co. for books,	\$73.64	
		-----	\$73.64

STATE AID.

Paid Elmer W. Carder,	\$60.00	
Mary A. Brownell,	12.00	
Alonzo Allen,	48.00	
Electa Walker,	12.00	
	-----	\$132.00

REPAIRS OF HIGHWAYS.

Orders drawn on bills as approved by the Road Commissioners for 1885-6 :

For Highways,	.	.	.	.	.	\$1,550.26
Bridges,	.	.	.	.	.	54.73
Snow paths,	.	.	.	.	.	44.58

For itemized account see report of Road Commissioners.

SUPPORT OF POOR.

Orders drawn on bills as approved by the Overseers of poor for 1885-6, \$2,073.61

For itemized account see report of Overseers of Poor.

OFFICERS SALARIES.

SELECTMEN.

1885.

April 6.	Paid M. H. Baker,	.	.	\$24.00	
April 6.	Frank R. Newton,	.	.	14.00	
May 4.	John C. Spring,	.	.	4.00	
				<hr/>	\$42.00

ASSESSORS.

Oct. 5.	Paid Samuel W. Brown,	.	.	\$31.00	
Sept. 7.	John Shanley,	.	.	29.00	
Oct. 5.	J. P. Webber,	.	.	31.00	
				<hr/>	\$91.00

SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

April 6.	Paid Louis S. Brown,	.	.	\$32.00	
May 4.	Newton S. Hubbard,	.	.	41.00	
				<hr/>	\$73.00

OVERSEERS OF POOR.

April 6.	Paid Porter A. Parker,	.	.	\$ 5.00	
June 1.	Henry F. Brown, 1882-5.	.	.	30.00	
Aug. 3.	Francis E. Cook,	.	.	5.00	
Nov. 2.	“ “ “	.	.	21.50	
				<hr/>	\$61.50

TOWN CLERK.

June 1.	Paid	Henry F. Brown, 1883,	.	\$21.55	
June 1.		“ “ “ 1884,	.	19.70	
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					\$41.25

AUDITORS.

April 6.	Paid	Samuel W. Brown,	.	\$ 2.00	
April 6.		M. H. Baker,	.	10.00	
June 1.		Henry F. Brown, 1882-5,	.	36.00	
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					\$48.00

REGISTRARS OF VOTERS.

April 6.	Paid	M. H. Baker,	.	\$11.00	
April 6.		Frank R. Newton,	.	12.00	
May 4.		John C. Spring,	.	11.00	
June 1.		Henry F. Brown,	.	12.00	
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					\$46.00

COMMITTEE ON ALMSHOUSE BARN.

April 6.	Paid	Estate of Sumner Parker,	.	\$7.00	
June 1.		Sanford Booth,	.	8.00	
June 1.		Henry F. Brown, services as committee, writing spec- ifications and contract,	.	25.00	
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					\$40.00

JANITOR.

1885.					
April 6.	Paid	Needham Moulton,	.	\$25.00	
May 4.		Elmer W. Carder,	.	5.00	
June 1.		“ “ “	.	8.33	
July 6.		“ “ “	.	8.33	
Aug. 3.		“ “ “	.	8.33	
Sept. 7.		“ “ “	.	8.33	
Oct. 5.		“ “ “	.	8.33	
Nov. 2.		“ “ “	.	8.33	
Dec. 7.		“ “ “	.	8.33	
1886.					
Jan. 4.		“ “ “	.	8.33	
Feb. 1.		“ “ “	.	8.33	
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					\$104.97

COMMITTEE ON DRAIN AT TOWN HOUSE.

1885.

Dec.	7.	Paid M. H. Baker,	.	.	\$3.00	
Dec.	7.	T. J. Morgan	.	.	2.00	
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ROAD COMMISSIONERS.

April	6.	Paid M. H. Baker,	.	.	4.00	
April	6.	W. J. Brown,	.	.	3.00	
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SEXTONS.

June	1.	Paid Francis E. Cook,	.	.	\$10.50	
June	1.	George M. Hitchcock,	.	.	8.00	
Sept.	7.	" " "	.	.	15.00	
1886.						
Feb.	1.	George M. Hitchcock,	.	.	15.00	
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CONSTABLES.

1885.

June	1.	Paid Francis E. Cook,	.	.	\$1.00	
Sept.	7.	F. Edgar Brown,	.	.	1.00	
Oct.	5.	" " "	.	.	2.50	
Nov.	2.	" " "	.	.	2.50	
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LIBRARIAN.

May	4.	Paid M. Lizzie Ward,	.	.	\$12.50	
Aug.	3.	" " "	.	.	12.50	
Nov.	2.	" " "	.	.	12.50	
1886.						
Feb.	1.	Paid M. Lizzie Ward,	.	.	12.50	
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FOR SUPPORT OF SCHOOLS.

Paid for wages and board of teachers, for fuel, and care of School-houses, for the year ending March 8, 1886:

NAME OF TEACHER.	No. of School.	Wages, Summer term.	Wages, Fall term.	Wages, Winter term.	Fuel and Care of Houses.	Total.
Martha E. Stone, . . .	1	72.00	72.00	96.00	25.00	265 00
Emma J. Blashfield, . .	2	72.00	72 00			
Ada M. Blodgett, . . .	2			96.00	34.00	274.00
Jennie E. Livermore, . .	3	58.50				
Fannie B. Gates, . . .	3		54.00	72.00	21.00	205.50
Lena R. Miller, . . .	4		22.50			
R. Harlow Back, . . .	4			60.00	3.00	85.50
N. Lizzie Kennedy, . . .	5	58.50	58.50	78.00	18.50	213.50
Sarah E. Kenney, . . .	6	63.00	42.00	63.00	11.50	179 50
Fannie B. Gates, . . .	7	49.50				
R. R. Cortis, . . .	7		55.90			
Louis S. Brown, . . .	7			68.00	19.37	192.77
Sadie L. Morgan, . . .	8		18.00			
Nellie W. Brown, . . .	8			60.00	10.90	88.90
Cora E. Brown, . . .	10	41.00				
Lizzie P. Knowlton, . .	10		63.00	84.00	23.00	211.00
		414.50	457 90	677.00	166.27	1,715.67

\$1,715.67

TEXT BOOKS.

1885.

May	4.	Paid Louis S. Brown, express on books,	\$.75
July	6.	Whitney & Adams, for text books,	31.46
July	6.	Louis S. Brown, express on books,	.50
Oct.	5.	Louis S. Brown, express on books,	1.40
Nov.	2.	Whitney & Adams, for text books,	21.75
Dec.	7.	Louis S. Brown, express on books,	.45
Dec.	7.	Harrison Hume, for text books,	15.10

1886.

Feb.	1.	Louis S. Brown, express on books,	.90
Feb.	1.	Lee & Shepard, for text books,	11.64
March	1.	Whitney & Adams, for text books,	15.84

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\$99.79

OTHER EXPENSES FOR SCHOOLS.

1886.

March 5.	Paid Albert Rice, conveyance of pupil,	\$3.00	
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SCHOOL SUPPLIES.

1885.

July 6.	Paid Louis S. Brown, for supplies, \$.50
July 6.	Emma J. Blashfield, for dipper,	.20
Sept. 7.	A. W. Pierson, repairs on stove,	.80
Nov. 2.	Emma J. Blashfield, for broom,	.20
Dec. 7.	R. R. Cortis, for dipper, .	.10

1886.

Feb. 1.	Louis S. Brown, for supplies, .	.50
March 1.	Louis S. Brown, for brooms. .	2.63
March 1.	N. S. Hubbard, supplies for schools	
	No. 7, 10,	1.10
March 1.	T. J. Morgan, book case, School	
	No. 8,	2.50
March 5.	John F. Converse, school supplies,	8.01
March 5.	Louis S. Brown, school supplies,	5.40
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		\$ 21.94

Total amount expended for support of schools. \$1,840.40

REPAIRS OF SCHOOL HOUSES.

1885.

May 4.	Paid Louis S. Brown, work and material for No. 3,	\$ 2.25
June 1.	T. J. Morgan, for repairs on No. 10,	7.97
Oct. 5.	Louis S. Brown, repairs on No. 1, 7,	1.00
Dec. 7.	A. W. Pierson, painting and repairs on No. 1,	45.00
Dec. 7.	Louis S. Brown, repairs on No. 1, 3, 7,	8.65

1886.

Feb. 1.	Louis S. Brown repairs on No. 1,	3.00
March 1.	Louis S. Brown, repairs on No. 10,	.25
March 1.	N. S. Hubbard, repairs on No. 5, 10,	.95
March 5.	E. E. Tarbell, repairs on No. 1, .	13.50
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		\$82.57

APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE FOREGOING.

	Appropriations.	Payments.
For repairs of highways, . . .	\$1,550.00	\$1,550.26
Support of bridges, . . .	150.00	54.73
Snow paths, . . .	200.00	44.58
Schools, . . .	1,500.00	
Income of school fund, . . .	309.97	1,715.67
Conveyance of pupils and supplies, . . .	100.00	24.94
Text books, . . .	100.00	99.79
Repairs of school-houses, . . .	100.00	82.57
Support of paupers, from tax, . . .	1,200.00	
Additional appropriations, Oct. 3, . . .	900.00	2,073.61
Officers' Salaries from tax, . . .	500.00	
From sale Town Histories, . . .	138.00	665.22
Discount on taxes, . . .	300.00	295.65
Town debt and interest, . . .	200.00	188.14
Miscellaneous expenses, from tax, . . .	600.00	
From sale of Town Histories, . . .	200.00	524.56
State Aid, . . .	54.00	132.00
Public library, dog fund, . . .	101.06	73.64
Spiling at Town Hall, . . .	50.00	23.30
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	\$8,253.03	\$7,548.66
Deduct payments, . . .	7,548.66	
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Appropriations over payments, . . .	\$704.37	

M. H. BAKER,
F. R. NEWTON,
D. W. JANES,

Selectmen of Brimfield.

Report of Road Commissioners.

The Road Commissioners herewith present to the inhabitants of the town the report of their doings from April 6th, 1885, to March 8th, 1886.

It has been our aim to make as many needed permanent improvements on the highways as was possible with the funds appropriated and at the same time to keep all the highways in safe and fairly good condition. You will see by the report that there has been expended \$290.33 for graveling the road to Palmer. We know that this improvement has been highly appreciated by many, and would recommend to the voters to consider the matter and appropriate three hundred dollars to continue the good work that is now commenced.

REPAIR OF HIGHWAYS.

1885.

April 6.	Paid Josiah Stebbins,	.	1.50
April 6.	William J. Brown,	.	4.36
May 4.	Josiah Stebbins,	.	6.50
May 4.	William J. Brown,	.	62.61
June 1.	" " "	.	92.20
June 1.	M. H. Baker,	.	97.71
June 1.	Henry Blodgett,	.	28.50
June 1.	M. H. Corbin,	.	18.07
June 1.	John C. Spring,	.	44.16
July 6.	M. H. Baker,	.	131.52
July 6.	A. D. Thomas,	.	75.13
July 6.	William J. Brown,	.	96.62
July 6.	Henry Blodgett,	.	52.25
July 6.	E. E. Tarbell,	.	6.04
July 6.	John C. Spring,	.	124.11

July 6.	Josiah Stebbins.	.	.	\$ 17.35
Aug. 3.	M. H. Corbin,	.	.	9.13
Sept. 7.	M. H. Baker,	.	.	117.19
Sept. 7.	William J. Brown,	.	.	76.12
Sept. 7.	Josiah Stebbins,	.	.	3.10
Sept 7.	John C. Spring,	.	.	5.85
Sept. 7.	Josiah Stebbins,	.	.	32.42
Sept. 7.	Henry Blodgett,	.	.	47.50
Sept. 7.	A. D. Thomas,	.	.	8.99
Oct. 5.	M. M. Baker,	.	.	57.60
Oct. 5.	Josiah Stebbins,	.	.	24.93
Oct. 5.	John C. Spring,	.	.	6.85
Nov. 2.	A. D. Thomas,	.	.	11.62

Total for general repairs and repair of tools, ———— \$1,259.93

FOR GRAVELING ON ROAD TO PALMER.

May 4.	Paid John C. Spring,	.	.	\$ 9.00
May 4.	Josiah Stebbins,	.	.	72.30
Sept. 7.	Josiah Stebbins,	.	.	70.52
Sept. 7.	John C. Spring,	.	.	30.33
Oct. 5.	John C. Spring,	.	.	28.95
Oct. 5.	Josiah Stebbins,	.	.	79.23
				<u>\$290.33</u>

Total payments for repairs of highways, ———— \$1,550.26

FOR SUPPORT OF BRIDGES.

1885.

June 1.	Paid Henry Blodgett,	.	.	18.74
June 1.	T. J. Morgan,	.	.	4.86
June 1.	John C. Spring,	.	.	4.96
July 6.	A. D. Thomas,	.	.	2.84
Sept. 7.	John C. Spring,	.	.	1.90
Oct. 5.	John C. Spring,	.	.	.25
Nov. 2.	A. D. Thomas,	.	.	3.00

1886.

Jan. 4.	A. D. Thomas,	.	.	4.20
Feb. 1.	Henry Blodgett,	.	.	13.98

————— \$54.73

FOR SNOW PATHS.

1885.

April 6.	Paid Josiah Stebbins,	.	.	.50
April 6.	M. H. Baker,	.	.	3.90
April 6.	W. J. Brown,	.	.	22.98
April 6.	M. H. Corbin,	.	.	5.00
April 6.	Wm. E. Gilbert,	.	.	4.95

1886.

Feb. 1.	F. R. Newton,	.	.	1.40
March 1.	T. J. Morgan,	.	.	1.00
March 5.	M. H. Baker,	.	.	3.00
March 5.	W. J. Brown,	.	.	1.85

\$44.58

The following is an Inventory of the property that came to the knowledge of the Commissioners, and is the property of the Town.

6 hand drills,	1 drilling hammer,
1 Brooks scraper,	1 Chicago scraper,
4 Winchendon scrapers,	2 Taft scrapers,
2 edges for scrapers,	2 small scrapers,
2 plows,	2 iron rakes,

GUIDE-POSTS.

The Commissioners herewith present the required report of guide-posts maintained by the town the past year.

The total number is twenty-five, and located as follows:—

Two at east end of common, one to Palmer and one to Warren.

One at junction of roads near Wm. Fosket.

Two at junction of roads near Wilber G. Parker.

One at junction of roads near Charles A. Brown.

One at junction of roads near John F. Converse's store.

One at junction of roads near George F. Holdridge.

One on Warren road leading to Dauphin Brown's.

One at corner near James S. Blair to Warren.

One at fork of roads west of Dauphin Brown's.

One at fork of roads near Dunhamtown School-house.

One at School-house No. 6.

Two at fork of roads near Austin Woodard.

Four at junction of roads near Chester Scarborough.

One at fork of roads near John C. Spring.

One at fork of road near F. E. Cook.

One at fork of road near Alfred Lumbard.

One at fork of road near Porter A. Parker.

One at fork of road near John Cunningham.

One at fork of road at the house of John W. Lawrence.

M. H. BAKER,

J. C. SPRING,

W. J. BROWN,

Road Commissioners of Brimfield.

Report of Overseers of Poor.

INVENTORY OF PERSONAL PROPERTY AT THE ALMSHOUSE.

1886.

March 2.	One horse,	.	.	.	\$	40.00	
	Two Oxen,	.	.	.		160.00	
	Ten cows,	.	.	.		280.00	
	One yearling,	.	.	.		12.00	
	Two hogs,	.	.	.		30.00	
	Eleven hens,	.	.	.		5.00	
	Five and a half tons English						
	hay, \$17. .	.	.	.		93.50	
	Fifteen tons meadow hay, \$7,	.				105.00	
	One-half ton rye straw,	.				5.00	
	One ton corn stover,	.				12.00	
	Corn on the ear 150 bushels, 30c					45.00	
	Rye fifteen bushels, 70c .	.				10.50	
	Oats eight bushels, 50c .	.				4.00	
	Meal and feed on hand, .	.				3.00	
	Provisions, .	.				161.59	
	Farming tools and wood,	.				298.75	
	Household furniture, .	.				306.79	
							\$1,572.13
	Inventory March 1, 1885,	.					1,192.00
	Gain on Personal,	.	.				\$ 380.13

RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES AT THE ALMS-
HOUSE, FOR THE YEAR ENDING MARCH 2, 1886.

PAYMENTS BY THE WARDEN.

April 1.	Paid for record book, . . .	\$.33
April 1.	Lois P. Moulton for labor, . . .	9.64
April 1.	For two pounds of paint, . . .	.35
April 1.	For tobacco, . . . . .	.48
April 1.	For pail, . . . . .	.50
April 6.	Ira B. Brown for bbl. apples, . . .	2.00
April 6.	For filing saws &c., . . . . .	.65
April 6.	For oranges, . . . . .	.20
April 6.	Cattle card, . . . . .	.10
April 6.	For oysters, . . . . .	.40
April 8.	Axe helve, . . . . .	.25
April 8.	Rooster, . . . . .	.75
April 8.	Fish, . . . . .	.50
April 14.	Soap,	3.60
April 16.	Mrs. Reed for labor, . . . . .	.75
April 16.	Expenses to Tewksbury,	9.45
April 16.	For butter color, . . . . .	.25
April 16.	For fish, . . . . .	.50
April 16.	For porous plaster, . . . . .	.25
April 16.	For seed potatoes,	1.00
April 21.	F. Wight, for crackers,	1.62
April 21.	For seed onions, . . . . .	.55
April 21.	For seed peas, . . . . .	.20
April 21.	For maple sugar, . . . . .	.40
April 21.	For oranges, . . . . .	.12
April 21.	For lime and hair, . . . . .	.85
April 21.	For ash pail, . . . . .	.50
April 21.	For forks, . . . . .	.70
April 21.	E. Livermore, shoes for N. Ryder	1.50
April 21.	Gilbert for cutting hair,	1.00
April 21.	For locks, &c.,	1.13
April 21.	For chloride of lime, . . . . .	.25

April 21.	For carbolic soap, . . .	\$.25
April 21.	For blueing, . . .	.15
April 21.	For hat for Nellie Ryder, .	.25
April 27.	James Harvey, for plastering, . . .	.75
April 27.	For fish, . . .	.52
April 27.	For oysters, . . .	.40
May 2.	Mrs. Stebbins, for sewing, .	3.25
May 2.	Mrs. Dunham, for work, .	4.90
May 6.	For share harrow, . . .	13.50
May 6.	J. H. Gregory, for seeds, .	.97
May 6.	For bread box, . . .	.40
May 6.	For holdback straps, . . .	.85
May 6.	For Graham flour, . . .	.80
May 6.	F. Wight, for crackers, . .	1.50
May 6.	For apples, . . .	1.75
May 6.	For door mat, . . .	.75
May 7.	For 4 bushels oats and shorts, . . .	2.70
May 7.	For ammonia, . . .	.20
May 7.	For garden seeds, . . .	.41
May 7.	Ladd, for 5 bushels seed potatoes, . . .	2.50
May 7.	H. A. Webber, saw bill, . .	11.95
May 12.	For oats and bolts, . . .	.47
May 12.	For lime, &c., . . .	1.10
May 20.	C. P. Morse, for fish, . . .	1.07
May 20.	E. A. Rice, on bill of range,	50.00
May 20.	For turpentine and paints,	1.35
May 20.	For nose ring, . . .	.15
May 20.	For tomato plants, . . .	.40
May 20.	For blacksmithing, . . .	.15
May 20.	For strap for cow bell, . .	.40
June 10.	For seed corn, . . .	.25
June 10.	For syringe, . . .	1.00
June 10.	For blind fixtures, &c., . .	.70
June 10.	For plaster, . . .	.35
June 23.	For camphor, . . .	.30

July	1.	H. A. Tidd, for repairing wagon, . . .	\$3.73
July	1.	J. H. Sherborn, for repairing wagon, . . .	1.10
July	1.	J. B. Gould, for meal, etc.	2.15
July	1.	C. H. Roberts, for molasses,	.75
July	1.	F. Wight, for crackers, etc.	1.68
July	2.	For repairs of chains, . . .	.75
July	2.	Albert Kyte, labor, haying,	3.00
July	2.	Freight on bedsteads, . . .	2.18
July	9.	G. E. Moulton, for fish, . . .	2.32
July	9.	For bolts for rake, . . .	.10
July	9.	For cheese, . . .	.76
July	9.	For repairs of harness, . . .	.50
July	9.	For shoes for Mrs. Nichols,	1.00
July	17.	For butter color, . . .	.50
July	22.	For berries and currants, . . .	1.20
July	24.	J. B. Gould, meal and feed,	2.65
July	24.	For fork handle, . . .	.13
July	25.	W. E. Alden, for groceries,	5.90
July	25.	J. McKinstry, for paint, . . .	.80
July	25.	For collars for N. Ryder, . . .	.60
July	25.	E. A. Rice, bal. on range etc.	11.74
July	25.	W. H. Clark, plow points,	.30
July	25.	For crackers, . . .	1.50
July	31.	Moulton bill of fish, . . .	1.86
July	31.	For apples . . .	1.00
Aug.	3.	For door knobs, . . .	.12
Aug.	12.	C. Chickering, for labor, . . .	10.00
Aug.	12.	Shepard for ammonia, . . .	.25
Aug.	12.	Stove pipe shelf, . . .	1.00
Sept.	4.	C. H. Roberts, for meal, . . .	1.10
Sept.	4.	Kerosene oil, . . .	.30
Sept.	4.	O. B. Hale, for labor, . . .	2.00
Sept.	7.	For grass seed, . . .	.42
Sept.	10.	For graham &c., . . .	1.13
Sept.	12.	For cough drops, . . .	.10
Sept.	14.	J. Bartlett, for labor, . . .	10.20
Sept.	14.	For sheeting, . . .	.90

Sept. 15.	For peaches, . . .	\$1.00
Sept. 15.	For mattress, . . .	2.75
Sept. 17.	C. W. Bacon, cattle show,	.50
Sept. 21.	O. J. Plimpton, work on cellar,	1.50
Sept. 23.	Starkey, for digging pota- toes,	1.25
Sept. 24.	Groves, for fowls, . . .	5.00
Sept. 26.	Frost, for threshing, . .	11.00
Sept. 30.	E. W. Hitchcock, meat, etc.	51.71
Oct. 3.	C. L. Chickering, for labor,	10.00
Oct. 3.	For yeast, . . . . .	.08
Oct. 3.	Moulton, bill of fish, . .	2.86
Oct. 3.	For filing saws, . . . .	.20
Oct. 6.	For cranberries, . . . .	.50
Oct. 6.	Cloak and hat for Nellie Ryder,	3.50
Oct. 9.	For repairing shoes, . . .	.50
Oct. 10.	Mrs. Graves, for work, . .	1.45
Oct. 10.	For cheese, . . . . .	.80
Oct. 10.	For paper and postage, . .	.33
Oct. 12.	Expense, box for Mrs. Fuller,	.15
Oct. 12.	Wetherbee, for potato hook,	.45
Oct. 20.	F. Wight, for crackers, . .	2.00
Oct. 20.	For apples, . . . . .	.90
Oct. 20.	For weighing straw, . . .	.20
Oct. 20.	For harness oil, . . . .	.75
Oct. 20.	Balance on molasses, . . .	.10
Oct. 28.	For dinner, etc. for C. W. Bacon, . . . . .	.95
Oct. 28.	For carbolie soap, . . . .	.75
Nov.	Moore, for planks,	1.15
Nov.	For hooks and screws, . . .	.50
Nov.	For cough drops, . . . .	.20
Nov. 7.	Bill for fish and oysters, . .	2.00
Nov. 16.	E. Price, for mason work,	3.90
Nov. 16.	For one-half bbl. crackers,	1.62
Nov. 17.	For Telephone, . . . . .	.25
Nov. 27.	For shoes for Nellie Ryder,	1.75
Dec. 4.	For meat barrel, . . . . .	.50

Dec.	7.	Brown & Leno, for	
		chopping, . . .	\$12.00
Dec.	7.	M. A. Cheever, for apples, .	.75
Dec.	7.	For six pullets, . . .	3.00
Dec.	7.	G. M. Hitchcock, for brick, .	4.50
Dec.	7.	G. M. Hitchcock, for door	
		rollers, . . .	1.80
Dec.	10.	C. L. Chickering, for labor, .	15.00
Dec.	10.	For soldering at Warren, .	.40
Dec.	10.	For crackers and lemons, .	.78
Dec.	10.	W. N. Hitchcock, for	
		butchering, . . .	.50
1886.			
Jan.	2.	Rand, for soap, . . .	4.60
Jan.	2.	Tidd, repairs on wagon, .	5.00
Jan.	2.	J. M. & L. D. Clemense,	
		for windows, . . .	4.95
Jan.	2.	Postal note and postage, .	.05
Jan.	2.	J. W. Brown, filing saws, .	.20
Jan.	2.	G. E. Moulton, for oysters, .	.80
Jan.	6.	Box rent Post Office, .	.20
Jan.	6.	Soldering at Warren, .	.45
Jan.	7.	T. C. Blashfield, repair	
		wheel, &c., . . .	5.25
Jan.	9.	For oysters, . . .	.50
Jan.	9.	For sleigh bells and card, .	.50
Jan.	13.	For shoeing oxen and horse, .	3.80
Jan.	13.	A. F. Fisher, repairs on	
		pump, . . .	.75
Jan.	18.	For mending chains, .	.30
Jan.	19.	D. L. Griggs, repairs of	
		boots, . . .	1.00
Jan.	28.	Wm. J. Brown, ice, and use	
		of tools, . . .	5.00
Jan.	28.	For broom, . . .	.25
Jan.	28.	E. E. Tarbell, repairing	
		sleigh, . . .	5.05
Feb.	3.	Bartlett, for labor, .	4.00

Feb. 3.	W. N. Hitchcock, for butchering, . . .	\$.50
Feb. 12.	N. Beede, for 3 cows, .	82.50
Feb. 15.	E. A. Rice, for groceries, .	17.07
Feb. 15.	Edward Fairbanks, m'd'se.	138.72
Feb. 15.	J. B. Gould, for meal, &c.,	9.78
Feb. 27.	E. W. Potter, bl'cksmithing,	16.07
Feb. 27.	J. F. Converse, me'ch'dise,	19.14
Feb. 27.	Leno, for chopping. .	5.00
Feb. 27.	Mrs. T. Graves, for labor, .	10.00
Feb. 27.	For calf,	4.00
Feb. 27.	For 5 curtains and fixtures,	3.75
Feb. 27.	P. A. Parker, for sundries,	10.25
Feb. 27.	Mrs. P. A. Parker, wall paper, &c.,	9.35
Feb. 27.	G. L. Plimpton, for labor,	35.25
Feb. 27.	T. J. Morgan, saw bill, .	8.00
Feb. 27.	E. W. Hitchcock, meat bill,	22.29
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		\$809.03

BILLS PAID BY ORDERS ON THE TOWN TREASURER.

1885.

April 1.	Paid Merrick Lamphear bal. salary,	\$210.22
May 4.	Frank R. Newton, 2 cows, .	80.00
May 4.	Lois P. Moulton, for labor, .	25.60
May 4.	Northampton hospital for Mrs. Bradley,	43.48
May 4.	State, for D. C. Colgrove., .	12.86
May 4.	Springfield Printing Co., .	2.00
May 4.	George H. Upham, for paint, .	2.10
May 4.	A. W. Pierson, for painting, .	11.70
May 4.	Taft & Kennefick, legal services,	11.00
May 4.	A. J. Daniels, for augurs, .	2.85
May 4.	Henry Richards, labor, . .	5.25
May 4.	Palmer Journal, tramp tickets, &c,	2.50
May 4.	George F. Chamberlain, medical services,	34.37

May	4.	F. F. Marcy, windows, . . .	\$ 1.20
June	1.	F. E. Cook, fees paid witness, .	1.00
June	1.	Loomis Brothers, coffin, . . .	3.00
June	1.	“ “ “ . . .	10.00
June	1.	H. F. Brown, time and expenses pauper cases, . . .	28.30
July	6.	J. F. Converse, merchandise, .	125.17
July	6.	“ “ “ . . .	9.98
July	6.	A. W. Pierson, painting, etc., .	3.20
July	6.	E. W. Hitchcock, meat bill, .	5.00
Aug.	3.	I. W. Pratt, conveyance of pau- pers, . . .	5.00
Aug.	3.	J. L. Bacon, merchandise, .	4.33
Aug.	3.	Northampton hospital, for Mrs. Bradly, . . .	45.25
Aug,	3.	J. H. Plimpton, warden salary, .	93.75
Aug.	3.	B. E. Sibley, care C. W. Bacon ,	20.00
Aug.	3.	State, for D. C. Colgrove, .	11.29
Aug.	3.	F. E. Cook, fare for Springer family, . . .	2.92
Aug.	3.	Mrs. J. Cunningham, for labor,	26.00
Aug.	3.	A. J. Daniels, for Springer family,	16.87
Sept.	7.	Loomis Brothers, coffin, &c., Nichols, . . .	18.50
Sept.	7.	Albert E. Kyte, for labor, .	21.75
Sept.	7.	Wm. N. Hitchcock, for mowing,	14.40
Oct.	5.	E. W. Hitchcock, bill of meat, .	3.10
Oct.	5.	“ “ “ “ . . .	25.26
Oct.	5.	J. H. Plimpton, warden salary, .	93.75
Oct.	5.	F. E. Cook, . . .	8.90
Nov.	2.	Northampton hospital for Mrs. Bradly, . . .	43.47
Nov.	2.	J. F. Lumbar, machine mowing,	11.75
Dec.	7.	J. F. Converse, merchandise, .	66.00
Dec.	7.	F. E. Cook, . . .	5.00
Dec.	7.	State for D. C. Colgrove, .	11.00
Dec.	7.	Tryphosia Graves, for labor, .	36.00
Dec.	7.	Loomis Bros., for coffin, . .	10.00
Dec.	7.	Charles L. Chickering, for labor,	120.20

Feb.	1.	J. W. Hastings, medical service,	\$17.00	
Feb.	1.	Loomis Bros. for coffin,	22.00	
Feb.	1.	State for D. C. Colgrove,	13.14	
Feb.	1.	Tucker Manufacturing Co., bedsteads,	37.50	
Feb.	1.	Leno & Brown, for chopping,	13.06	
Feb.	1.	J. H. Plimpton, warden salary,	93.75	
Feb.	1.	Northampton Hospital for Mrs. Bradly,	42.72	
March 1.		Water tax,	2.59	
March 5.		H. F. Brown, making returns,	3.00	
March 5.		E. W. Hitchcock, meat bill,	3.00	
March 5.		J. F. Converse, merchandise,	7.75	
March 5.		G. H. Wilkins, medical services,	4.00	
			<hr/>	\$1,604.78
Total payments for support of poor,				<hr/> <hr/> \$2,413.81

RECEIPTS FOR FARM PRODUCTS.

Potatoes, Butter, etc., sold,	\$13.39	
Of Mrs. Curtis,	3.00	
Of M. A. Cheever, for hay,	6.52	
Work on roads,	11.25	
Of J. F. Lumbard, for straw,	7.50	
Of D. L. Griggs, for pork,	6.96	
Of N. F. Robinson, for pork,	7.08	
Of G. L. Plimpton, for board,	78.75	
Of T. J. Morgan, for two pigs,	8.00	
Of E. W. Hitchcock, for veal, pork, etc.,	55.31	
Of W. E. Alden, for potatoes,	5.10	
Of E. A. Rice, for potatoes, eggs, etc.	15.65	
Of Edward Fairbanks, for butter, etc.	100.05	
Of J. F. Converse, for eggs,	1.64	
		<hr/> \$ 320.20
Of G. B. Shaw, on account,		20.00
From order on Treasurer,		437.50
By orders paid by Treasurer,		1,636.11
		<hr/> <hr/> \$2,413.81

OVERSEERS OF THE POOR

IN ACCOUNT WITH THE TOWN OF BRIMFIELD.

Dr.

1885.

March 3.	To Poor Farm as appraised at		
	date,	\$4000.00	
	Hay and grain, as appraised at		
	date,	457.00	
	Provisions, as appraised at date,	109.20	
	Farming tools and wood, as		
	appraised at date,	205.05	
	Household Furniture, as appraised		
	at date,	250.75	
	Account vs. G. B. Shaw,	24.00	
	Due from State, State pauper,	5.00	
	Due J. H. Plimpton, April 1, bal-		
	ance salary,	93.75	
	Due G. F. Chamberlain, salary,	30.00	
	Due Loring G. Reed, estimated,	10.00	
	Money advanced by Town,	2,073.61	
		<hr/>	\$7,258.36

Cr.

1886.

March 2.	By almshouse farms as ap-		
	praised this day,	\$4,000.00	
	Neat stock,	527.00	
	Hay and grain,	278.00	
	Farming tools and wood,	298.75	
	Provisions,	161.59	
	Household furniture,	306.79	
	Due from Andrew Stone,	24.12	
	Received from State for state		
	paupers,	108.85	
	Loss on G. B. Shaw, account,	4.00	
	Balance, being the amount it has		
	cost to support the poor,	1,549.26	
		<hr/>	\$7,258.36
	From this balance,		\$1,549.2

Deduct the expense for those out of the

Almshouse, last year's bills, viz:

Northampton Hospital, for Mrs. Brad-

ley,	\$174.92
State, for D. C. Colgrove,	48.29
Mary Carroll,	24.60
Daniel Howard,	1.10
Merrick Lamphear, balance salary,	210.22
Lois Moulton, labor,	25.60
G. H. Upham,	2.10
Taft & Kennefick,	11.00
G. F. Chamberlain, medical services, etc.,	34.37
H. F. Brown, services, Nichols and Dimmick cases,	19.80

\$552.00

Cost for those at almshouse,	\$997.26
Average number at almshouse,	7 ⁹ / ₂₆
Number of weeks board furnished,	382
Cost of each week's board,	\$2.61 +

P. A. PARKER,

F. E. COOK,

THOS. J. MORGAN,

Overseers of the Poor.

Collector's Report.

JONATHAN P. WEBBER, Collector for 1884.

Dr.

1885.

March 7.	To balance tax of 1884, uncollected,	\$865.35
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Cr.

April 3.	By paid Town Treasurer,	. \$268.89
June 1.	Town Treasurer,	. 175.00
July 9.	Town Treasurer,	. 105.04
Oct. 2.	Town Treasurer,	. 122.65
Nov. 11.	Town Treasurer,	. 100.00

1886.

March 3.	Town Treasurer,	. 93.77
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		\$865.35

JONATHAN P. WEBBER, Collector for 1885.

Dr.

To Town Tax for 1885, .	\$7,643.29
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Cr.

July 31.	By paid Town Treasurer,	. \$535.00
Aug. 22.	Town Treasurer,	. 443.05
Aug. 31.	Town Treasurer,	. 783.55
Sept. 2.	Town Treasurer,	. 608.84
	County Tax, .	. 547.67

Discount allowed on above at 6 per cent.	186.26
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Oct. 16.	By paid Town Treasurer,	. \$125.00	
Nov. 11.	Town Treasurer,	. 181.48	
Dec. 4.	Town Treasurer,	. 283.36	
Dec. 15.	Town Treasurer,	. 252.59	
Dec. 24.	Town Treasurer,	. 498.82	
Dec. 30.	Town Treasurer,	. 430.00	
1886.			
Jan. 1.	Town Treasurer,	. 514.07	
Jan. 2.	Town Treasurer,	. 340.00	
	Discount allowed on above at 4 per cent.	109.39	
March 3.	Town Treasurer,	. 200.00	
March 8.	Town Treasurer,	. 160.00	
March 8.	Balance tax for 1885 uncollected,	1,444.21	
		—————	\$7,643.29

J. P. WEBBER, *Collector.*

Treasurer's Report.

HENRY F. BROWN, in account with the town of Brimfield.

1885.

DR.

March 7,	To balance of settlement,	\$2,075.86
Apr. 6,	cash of Wm. J. Brown, for plank sold,	1.00
" 7,	cash of Electa Walker (note renewed),	970.00
" 9,	Second Cong'l church, rent of hall,	125.00
May 19,	cash of John W. Draper, Executor trust fund un- der will of Harriet Allen,	174.94
Jan. 1,	cash of Henry F. Brown, for histories sold,	332.00
" 24,	cash borrowed of Spring- field Institution for Savings.	800.00
Aug. 13,	cash of State Treasurer for burial of State paupers,	19.00
Oct. 16,	cash of Henry F. Brown, for histories sold,	6.00
Dec. 5,	cash of Mrs. John Tyler, for cemetery lot,	10.00
" 15,	cash of Nathan G. Lyman for cemetery lot,	10.00
" 5,	cash of State Treasurer, corporation tax,	200.72
" "	cash of State Treasurer, national bank tax,	397.40

Dec.	5	cash of State Treasurer, State aid, repaid, .	\$108.00
"	"	cash of State Treasurer, for burial of State paupers, .	20.00
"	"	cash of State Treasurer, for support of State paupers, .	67.60
1886,			
Jan.	20,	cash of County Treasurer, dog tax, .	97.00
"	25,	cash of State Treasurer, proportion school fund, .	309.97
"	"	cash of State Treasurer, for transportation of State paupers, .	2.25
Mar.	2,	cash of E. W. Carder, for use of Town Hall, .	65.50
"	3,	cash of J. P. Webber, bal- ance of tax of 1884, .	865.35
"	"	cash of J. P. Webber, in- terest on taxes of 1884, .	21.55
"	"	cash of J. P. Webber, on tax of 1885, .	5,355.76
Total,			<hr/> \$12,034.90

CR.

1885.

April 7. By paid note of Electa Walker, \$970.00

July 1. Deposit in Springfield Insti-
tution for Savings, Harriet
Allen fund, . 174.94

Dec. 5. Paid State tax, . 450.00

1886.

March 1. Paid note and interest at Spring-
field Institution for Savings, 807.50

March 8. Paid orders as follows:
For repair of highways, 1,550.26
For repair of bridges, . 54.73
For snow paths, . 44.58
For support of schools, 1,840.40

March 8.	For repair of school-houses,	\$ 82.57	
	For support of paupers,	2,073.61	
	For officers' salaries,	665.22	
	For miscellaneous expenses,	941.64	
March 8.	Balance in Treasurer's hands,	2,379.45	
			<hr/> \$12,034.90

LIABILITIES AND ASSETS OF THE TOWN.

LIABILITIES.

Due	Electa Walker, on note,	.	.	\$ 970.00
	"	"	interest on same to	
	April 1,	.	.	53.35
	Palmer Savings Bank, on note,	.	.	1,550.00
	"	"	" interest	
	on same to April 1,	.	.	15.50
	Amos Munroe, on note,	.	.	900.00
	"	"	on same, April 1,	11.25
	On Public Library appropriation,			27.42
	Dog fund not appropriated,	.	.	97.00
	For repairs on highways,	.	.	84.64
	School Committee, for services,	.	.	105.00
	Selectmen, for services,	.	.	59.00
	Board of Registrars, for services,			15.00
	Board of Overseers of Poor, for			
	services, estimated,	.	.	40.00
	Town Clerk, for recording mar-			
	riages, births and deaths.	.	.	19.24
	Road Commissioners, for services,			15.00
	J. H. Plimpton, April 1, salary,	.	.	93.75
	E. W. Carder, April 1, janitor,	.	.	16.66
	Northampton hospital, for Mrs.			
	Bradley,	.	.	43.00
	State, for D. C. Colgrove,	.	.	13.14
	J. P. Webber. balance salary for			
	1884,	.	.	20.00
	J. P. Webber, salary for 1885,	.	.	60.00
	G. F. Chamberlain, medical services,			30.00

Due Estate Wm. H. Sherman, .	\$ 7.00	
Orus E. Parker, for wood, .	2.00	
		————— \$4,247.95

ASSETS.

Cash in the hands of the Treasurer, .	\$2,379.45	
Due from 2d Congregational church, .	125.00	
“ State for aid to soldiers, .	108.00	
“ J. C. Freeman, for schooling, .	15.00	
For taxes, uncollected, .	1,444.21	
Balance, amount of debt over assets, .	176.29	
		————— \$4,247.95

This certifies that I have examined the accounts of the Selectmen, Overseers of Poor, Road Commissioners and Treasurer for the year ending March 8th, 1886, and find them correct.

GEO. M. HITCHCOCK, *Auditor.*

INSURANCE ON TOWN PROPERTY.

Expires.	Name of Company.	Property.	Amount
Oct. 17, 1888.	Royal of Liverpool,	Town House,	\$1,650.00
Oct. 17, 1888.	Royal of Liverpool,	Furniture, etc.,	850.00
Oct. 17, 1888.	Hartford,	Town House,	1,650.00
Oct. 17, 1888.	Hartford,	Furniture, etc.,	850.00
Mar 22, 1889.	Ins.Co.of North Am.	Town House,	2,000.00
			————— \$7,000.00
Jan. 20, 1891,	Ætna of Hartford,	Public Library,	1,500.00
April 25, 1887.	Quincy Mutual,	Almshouse,	\$1,700.00
Feb. 1, 1889.	Ætna of Hartford,	Almshouse,	700.00
Feb. 1, 1889.	Ætna of Hartford,	Furniture,	400.00
Feb. 1, 1889.	Ætna of Hartford,	Ice house,	100.00
July 15, 1889.	Ætna of Hartford,	Almshouse barn,	1,800.00
Dec. 1, 1889.	Phoenix, Brooklyn,	Hog house,	100.00
Dec. 1, 1889.	Phoenix, Brooklyn,	Hay, grain, tools,	400.00
Dec. 1, 1889.	Phoenix, Brooklyn,	Live stock,	500.00
			————— \$5,700.00
Dec. 1, 1886.	Ætna of Hartford,	School-house No. 1,	2,700.00
Aug. 8, 1889.	Ætna of Hartford	School house No. 2,	1,000.00
			————— \$3,700.00
			————— \$17,900.00

Town Clerk's Report.

MARRIAGES RECORDED IN BRIMFIELD IN 1885.

Date.	Bridegroom.	Residence.	Bride.	Residence.
Jan. 22.	Eugene E. Fisk,	Springfield,	Carrie A. Spaulding.	Springfield.
Feb. 18.	James E. Marsh,	Maynard,	Caroline M. Brown,	Brimfield.
Feb. 26.	Charlie Huchthausen,	Brimfield,	Augusta Volner,	Brimfield.
May 13.	Raymond D. Chappell,	Norwich, Ct.	Laura M. Spaulding,	Brimfield.
Aug. 16.	Joseph H. Williams,	Sturbridge,	Nettie B. Clark,	Sturbridge.
Aug. 26.	Warren Whitcomb,	Holyoke,	Abbie B. Brown,	Brimfield.
Oct. 28.	William K. Howard,	Brimfield,	Lydia Adams,	Brimfield.
Nov. 18.	Charles A. Webber,	Boston,	Emma J. Blashfield,	Brimfield.
Nov. 26.	John Henry Tunison,	Worcester,	Anna Frances Janes,	Brimfield.
Nov. 26.	John Shanley,	Brimfield,	Mary L. Crowe,	Ware.
Dec. 10.	Everett E. Williams,	Brimfield,	Jennie M. Webber,	Brookfield.
Dec. 19.	William E. Phillips,	Monson,	Dilla B. Russell,	Brimfield.

BIRTHS RECORDED IN BRIMFIELD IN 1885.

Date.	Name of Child.	Sex.	Names of Parents.
1884.			
*Oct. 27.	Orville Frederic Parker,	M.	Orus E. and Eva A. Parker.
*Dec. 17.	Stedman W. Braman,	M.	Thomas N. and Ellen M. Braman.
1885.			
Jan. 8.	Charles William Lange,	M.	Charles and Augusta Lange.
Jan. 11.	Anna Barbara Babette Noessel,	F.	Philip F. and Elize Noessel.
Feb. 2.	Ellen A. Adams,	F.	Samuel H. and Augusta Adams.
Mar. 2.	Mary S. Leno,	F.	Edward and Mary Leno.
Mar. 9.	Edith Fay Hitchcock,	F.	William N. and Lillian E. Hitchcock.
Mar. 10.	Esther Viola Lumbard,	F.	Harry A. and Anna W. Lumbard.
Mar. 10.	Elsie L. Rauschenbach,	F.	Herman and Augusta Ranschenbach.
April 2.	Agnes Tart,	F.	James and Rosina M. Tart.
April 18.	Mary A. St. George,	F.	Joseph and Minnie St. George.
May 8.	Marcus LeRoy Holdridge,	M.	George F. and Diana Holdridge.
May 10.	———— Springer,	M.	Henry and Matilda Springer.
May 20.	Ethel Tenney Upham,	F.	Arthur A. and Mary F. Upham.
Sept. 1.	Edward Knothe,	M.	Mority and Anna M. Knothe.
Sept. 16.	Walter Herman Adams,	M.	Charles F. and Clara Adams.
Sept. 20.	Juliaetta Amanda Newton,	F.	Frank R. and Mary A. Newton.
Sept. 20.	Clara Miriam Gale,	F.	Charles M. and Hattie J. Gale.
Sept. 29.	Amy Eva Leno,	F.	David and Lucy Leno.
Oct. 14.	George Levi Sizer,	M.	William and Mary P. Sizer.
Oct. 28.	Walter Everett Corbin,	M.	Miner H. and Sarah B. Corbin.
Nov. 10.	Lulu May Rancho,	F.	Lewis L. and Ellen Rancho.
Dec. 3.	Thomas William Haley,	M.	John and Ellen Haley.
Dec. 20.	Ennna May Fisher,	F.	William and Ella J. Fisher.
Dec. 27.	———— Woodard,	M.	Albert and Katy Woodard.

* Omitted in last report.

DEATHS RECORDED IN BRIMFIELD IN 1885.

Date.	Name.	Cause of Death.	Age.		
			Years.	Mos.	Days
Jan. 7.	William J. Shaw,	Inflammation of bowels,		7	13
Mar. 6.	Braman Sibley,	Malignant Lupas,	79	5	10
April 23.	Cheney Ballard Allen,	Cardiac dropsy,	79	7	2
May 11.	———— Springer,	Premature birth,			1
June 9.	Susie E. Williams,	Consumption,	27	5	1
July 15.	Henry A. Webber,	Tetanus,	34	4	11
Aug. 27.	Horace Nichols,	Heart disease,	79	3	11
Oct. 21.	Joseph A. Cummins.	Killed by cars on railroad,	18	7	2
Oct. 28.	Martha J. Roberts,	Heart disease.	40	11	1
Oct. 31.	Flavilla Ward,	Old age,	92	6	16
Nov. 15.	Washington Lamb,	Old age,	82	6	9
Nov. 16.	Charles W. Bacon,	Disease of brain,	65		2
Nov. 28.	Rosa Champaux,	Diphtheria,	5	5	29

OTHER DEATHS, INTERRED IN BRIMFIELD.

Date.	Name.	Place of Death.	Age.		
			Years	Mos.	Days
*May 6, 1884.	Charles C. Warren,	Paris, France,	64		13
Mar. 7, 1885.	George A. Hitchcock,	Brookfield,	17	6	25
May 9, 1885.	Florence L. Herring,	Albany, N. Y.,	9	7	24
May 11, 1885.	Amanda L. Pepper,	Boston,	40	10	
May 28, 1885.	Unknown man,	Palmer.			
June 15, 1885.	William H. Sherman,	Springfield,	56	1	12
June 27, 1885.	Sarah Lumbard,	Millbury,	88	7	7
July 24, 1885.	Amy Marsh,	Peoria, Ill.,	68		22
July 31, 1885.	John G. Tarbell,	Detroit, Mich.,	59	1	17
Sept. 5, 1885.	William C. Griggs.	Wales,	74	3	25
Nov. 3, 1885.	John Tyler,	Palmer,	58	9	19

* Omitted in last report.

ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE
SCHOOL * COMMITTEE
OF THE
TOWN OF BRIMFIELD.

For the Year Ending March, 1886.

School Report.

In conformity to the laws of the Commonwealth, your Committee submit the following report:

The town raised and appropriated for the support of schools the past year, the sum of \$1,600. We also received from the State school fund \$309.97, also for the schooling of children, making a total of \$1,909.97 for the support of schools.

We have expended for teachers' wages \$1549.40; fuel and care of houses \$166.27; conveyance of scholars and supplies, \$24.94, leaving a balance of \$169.36 unexpended. A bill of \$15.00 is due the town for schooling.

There was also raised for school text-books \$100.00. We have expended \$99.79. There was also raised for the repair of school-houses the sum of \$100.00. We have expended \$82.57. There were other repairs needed, but we were restricted to the amount raised, and as there was not enough left to do what seemed necessary, we deemed it wise to postpone further repairs till this year. We think, with the unexpended money of last year and \$100.00 added, or rather an appropriation of \$125.00 will be sufficient. For further details we refer you to the auditor's report.

We are happy to report, that the schools generally, during the year past, have been eminently successful. That teachers have felt, in a large degree, the responsibility resting upon them as guides to the youthful mind. But with all their efforts and anxieties, they are liable to criticisms. They are a little too fast or a little too slow; or a little too strict in their government; or a little too lax.

It is results that we are after and if we get those that are satisfactory, it is not so important as to the exact way they were obtained, as it is to the fact itself. It must be in a clear, concise way, such as the pupil can comprehend and understand.

No one can think for the teachers; no one can plan, or execute for them. Suggestions can be made, advice can be given as to how work should be done in the school-room, but the details must be with the teachers. They must have their own plans for work, and all advice, to be of any avail, must be incorporated into their plan for the management and instruction of the pupils.

Some are thoroughly educated, and to all appearances are well fitted to make successful teachers, but when placed in the school-room are found wanting in one very essential quality, viz: the power to control. It is not the knowledge one has of what ought to be, but with it the ability to execute. This can be done far more effectually, when all concerned act in unison, and have this one object in view,—the best interests of the pupils.

The committee are servants of the people, and desire to act for the best good of their children. If we err, it is a lack of the head and not of the heart. It has been difficult for us sometimes to decide how many schools should be supported in the town. We have ten school-houses, and formerly had ten regularly surveyed districts, somewhat independent of each other, each having a certain amount of the money raised by the town. We are now consolidated into one district or rather the old ones are abolished, leaving it for the school-committee to arrange the schools for the best interests of *all* the pupils in the town.

We are attached to old land-marks, and it is hard to obliterate old boundary lines. With the present number of children, if a school is supported in every school-house, the number of pupils in some of them must necessarily be very small, so that we have not deemed it advisable to have the whole number of schools through the entire school year. There are several reasons why we have not done this. First: it has been an economical arrangement. But if this were all, we should hesitate long before we neglected to open all our doors and place a teacher in each of the school-houses in town. The loss in extra travel is more than balanced by securing the services of a better teacher and a livelier interest in the school by the increased number of pupils.

We have met with strong opposition by some, to any change in this direction, and we wish to call their especial attention to this question, and see if they cannot arrive at the same conclusions.

If the town have any instructions to give the Committee with regard to this matter, it would be very gladly received. Let us try to act, as far as possible, in harmony with each other and for the best interests of all concerned. There should be mutual understanding between parents, teachers and committee. It is not enough to build school-houses, supply books, and vote to raise money for fuel and the support of teachers. When this is done, do we do all we can to get a good return for every dollar expended?

Speak a good word for your teacher at home in the presence of your children, and encourage him or her in every way possible, and never be hasty about giving opinions from hearsay. But, if after a personal examination, you become satisfied the school is not doing what it ought to do, and have information the committee do not possess, they will ever be ready to hear and try to act for the best interests of all concerned.

We have endeavored to impress upon the minds of teachers and pupils the importance of a good physical, mental and moral training. But, do we as parent and committee, sufficiently feel the importance of this great and grand work; that just as the twig is bent the tree is inclined; that the after life will be in accord with the early training. If the habits of early life are those of industry in study, we look for the same through life. We cannot be too careful in our attention to this important subject.

Our law-makers have considered the physical training of the children of the Commonwealth, and some knowledge of the laws of health, of so much importance that they have made it obligatory on us to place text-books in all our schools, that children may be instructed with regard to this important subject. A strong, well-developed, healthy physical system is important to a strong, healthy, well-developed intellect. Proper attention to heating and ventilation is necessary; also that teachers see to it that children do not contract a habit of compressing the heart and lungs while sitting in the school-room.

We hear much about methods. It is our aim to adopt the best. If a teacher has not some method by which scholars will be stimulated, and by which they can draw out from them, instead of continually attempting to pour in, they will fail of

accomplishing what they most desire. Excite thought, instead of simply taxing the memory so that if they cannot call to mind the exact way they were taught to do their work, their own powers of reasoning will come to the rescue. If teachers cannot do this they have mistaken their calling.

The schools for the present year will commence as follows: viz.

Spring Term, Monday, April 12.

Fall Term, Monday, Aug. 30.

Winter Term, Monday, November 29.

For the Committee,

N. S. HUBBARD, Chairman.

LOUIS S. BROWN,

THOMAS J. MORGAN,

NEWTON S. HUBBARD,

School Committee.

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

ASSESSORS

OF THE

TOWN OF BRIMFIELD.

Report of Assessors.

VALUATION AND TAX, 1885.

Polls.	Names.	Description of Property.	Total Tax.
1	George Adams.	1 horse 50, 1 cow 30, 1 two-year old 25, 1 yearling 10, 1 swine 15, total \$130. Buildings 250, home place 37—270, total \$520. Total valuation, \$650.	\$11 43
1	Warren Agard.	1 horse 80, 2 oxen 130, 4 cows 120, 3 yearlings 25, total \$355. Buildings 250, home place 90—1,000, Allen lot 9—125, total \$1,375. Total valuation, \$1,730.	27 23
1	Lucius Agard.	1 horse 80, 4 oxen 200, 3 cows 80, 2 two-year-olds 40, 3 yearlings 30, 4 sheep 15, total \$445. Buildings 275, home place 60—775, total \$1,050. Total valuation, \$1,495.	23 76
1	George L. Agard.	.	2 00
1	Joseph M. Allen.	2 horses 50, 2 cows 50, total \$100. Buildings 175, home place 120—625, total \$800. Total valuation, \$900.	15 06
1	Fred Ackhert.	.	2 00
	Estate of D. P. Allen	2 horses 250, 4 oxen 280, 10 cows 325, 1 carriage 50, total \$905. Buildings 650, home place 78—900, north-east lot 30—225, Shumway lot 9—100, meadow 4—50, hard-scrabble 17—75, break-neck 34—700, total \$2,700. Total valuation, \$3,605.	52 35
1	Austin Andrews.	1 horse 50, 1 cow 35, total \$85. Buildings 400, home lot 1 1-2—100, Janes lot 7—200, Sprague lot 9—125, total \$825. Total valuation, \$910.	15 35

Polls.	Names.	Description of Property.	Total Tax.
1	R. H. Arnold.	3 horses 200, 50 sheep 175, total \$375. Buildings 900, home place 166—1300, total \$2200. Total valuation, \$2,575.	\$39 41
1	Charles H. Allen.	1 horse 25, 3 cows 90. Total, \$115.	3 74
1	George S. Allen.	1 horse 50, 2 cows 60, 1 2-year-old 20, total \$130. Buildings 425, home lot 52—425, wood lot 7—50. Bates lot 6—50, total \$950. Total valuation, \$1,080.	17 67
1	Charles S. Allen.	. . . . .	2 00
1	Henry Adams.	1 horse, 100, 2 cows 60, total \$160. Buildings 425, home lot 24—350, total \$775. Total valuation, \$935.. . . .	15 63
1	S. H. Adams.	. . . . .	2 00
1	George Allen.	. . . . .	2 00
1	Elijah Allen.	Buildings 725, home lot 1—50. Total valuation, \$775.	13 31
1	John W. Browning.	1 horse 80, 1 cow 40, 1 carriage 50, total \$170. Buildings 850, home lot 2—175, orchard 2—90, total \$1,115. Total valuation \$1,285.	20 71
1	George Bacon.	1 horse 25, 1 cow 30, 1 2-year-old 25, 1 yearling 10, 2 swine 15, total \$105. Buildings 1,500, home lot 14—900, Hitchcock lot 54—275, total \$2,675. Total valuation, \$2,780.	42 46
1	James T. Brown.	Money \$2,000. Buildings 1,100, home lot 2—150, total \$1,250. Total valuation, \$3,250.	49 13
1	James S. Blair.	1 horse 100, 1 carriage 50, total \$150. Buildings 1,450, home lot 1—200, Morse lot 3—200, total \$1,850. Total valuation, \$2,000.	31 01
1	Isaac Brothy.	. . . . .	2 00
1	George B. Brown.	Stock 400, 1 horse 100, total \$500. Buildings 500, home lot 6—200, total \$700. Total valuation, \$1,200.	19 40
1	Edward P. Blodgett.	1 horse 25. Total, \$25.	2 44
1	Emil Brennen.	. . . . .	2 00
1	Charles W. Bacon.	. . . . .	2 00

Polls.	Names.	Description of Property.	Total Tax.
1	William Bloomer.	2 cows 50, total \$50. Buildings 250, home lot 123—325, total \$575. Total valuation, \$625.	\$11 14
1	Ira B. Brown.	1 cow 35, total \$35. Buildings 500, home lot 1—150, Hitchcock lot 2—50, wood lot 5—50, total \$750. Total valuation, \$785.	13 46
1	John L. Bacon.	Stock 1,000, 2 horses 100, 1 cow 50, total \$1,150. Buildings 950, home lot 1-8—50, sprout lot 25—100, Bacon and Russell lots 50—400, total \$1,500. Total valuation, \$2,650.	40 43
1	Henry F. Brown.	Buildings 1,000, home lot 3-4—150, total \$1,150.	18 68
1	Moses H. Baker.	2 horses 100, 15 cows 375, 1 two-year-old 20, 8 yearlings 75, 2 swine 20, total \$590. Buildings 1,400, home lot 257—2,500, total \$3,900. Total valuation, \$4,490.	67 11
1	Thomas C. Blashfield.	1 horse 25, 2 cows 60, total \$85. Buildings 650, home lot 17—200, Brown lot 3—50, Hitchcock lot 18—80, wood lot 8—100, total \$1,080. Total valuation, \$1,165.	18 97
1	O. A. Blashfield.	2 oxen 50, 2 cows 50, 1 yearling 10, total \$110. Buildings 300, home lot 2—90, Sessions lot 70—630, total \$1,020. Total valuation, \$1,130.	18 29
1	Herbert Benson.	. . . . .	2 00
1	William C. Blashfield.	1 horse 60, 2 cows 60, total \$120. Buildings 475, home lot 19—200, wood lot 8—100, total \$775. Total valuation, \$895.	15 05
1	Melvin Booth.	1 horse 50, 1 cow 30, total \$80. Buildings 275, home lot 2—175, orchard 1 1-2—125, total \$575. Total valuation, \$655.	11 57
1	James Bacheller.	1 horse 90, carriages 150, total \$240. Buildings 1,000, home lot 5—375, total \$1,375. Total valuation, \$1,615.	25 49
1	Samuel W. Brown.	1 horse 50, 2 cows 60, 2-2-year-olds, 40, total \$150. Buildings 1,500, home lot 37—900, sprout lot 12—75, total \$2,475. Total valuation, \$2,625.	40 14
1	John Butler.	. . . . .	2 00

Polls.	Names.	Description of Property.	Total Tax.
1	James Reed Brown.	1 horse 100, 7 cows 200, total \$300. Buildings 700, home lot 66—825, total \$1,525. Total valuation, \$1,825.	\$28 54
1	Tuffield Brothers.	3 cows 85, 1 2-year-old 20, total \$105.	3 60
1	Frank Ballue.	.	2 00
1	Alex. Brothers.	.	2 00
1	William Ballue.	.	2 00
1	Michael Brosnehan.	.	2 00
1	Alexander Boquet.	.	2 00
1	Charles A. Brown.	1 horse 100, 3 cows 87, 1 2-year old 25, 1 yearling 12, total \$224. Buildings 450, home lot 30—350, sprout lot 10—75 total \$875. Total valuation, \$1,099.	17 95
1	F. Edgar Brown.	.	2 00
1	Arthur B. Brown.	.	2 00
1	John W. Brown.	.	2 00
1	James H. Brown.	3 horses 150, 8 cows 225, 6 two-year-olds 120, 1 yearling 10, 5 swine 70, total \$575. Buildings 1,500, home lot 126—1,500, Maynard lot 50—250, Hubbard lot 25—200, old maid lot 32—225, Coye lot 2—50, total \$3,725. Total valuation, \$4,300.	64 50
1	William J. Brown.	1 horse 40, 2 oxen 90, 7 cows 210, 2 two-year-olds 45, 1 yearling 15, 38 sheep 115, 4 swine 45, total \$560. Buildings 600, home lot 105—1,400, mountain lot 114—600, total \$2,600. Total valuation, \$3,160.	47 82
	Brown & Gould.	Sprout lot 7—35. Total, \$35.	58
1	J. Richard Brown.	.	2 00
1	Julius Bacon.	.	2 00
1	Charles O. Brown.	2 cows 60, 1 yearling 15, total \$75. Buildings 500, home lot 13—325, total \$825. Total valuation, \$900.	15 20
1	Oscar F. Brown.	1 horse 40, 2 oxen 150, 5 cows 140, 3 two-year-olds 80, total \$410. Buildings 950, home lot 136—1,600, Tarbell lot 40—400, plain lot 8—125, total \$3,075. Total valuation, \$3,485.	52 61

Polls.	Names.	Description of Property.	Total Tax.
1	Louis S. Brown.	.	\$2 00
1	Joseph P. Brown.	2 horses 75, 2 oxen 150, 4 cows 120, 1 two-year-old 25, 2 yearlings 20, 2 swine 15, total \$405. Buildings 600, home lot 160—1,700, total \$2,300. Total valuation, \$2,705.	41 30
1	Edward Bliss.	1 horse 75, 1 cow 30, 1 carriage 50, total \$155. Buildings 1,500, home lot 3—300, Hitchcock lot 16—450, Charles lot 65—250, total \$2,500. Total valuation, \$2,655.	40 57
1	Sanford Booth.	2 horses 125, 2 oxen 140, 10 cows 250, 4 yearlings 50, 8 sheep 32, 3 swine 20, total \$617. Buildings 1,150, home lot 210—2,225, total \$3,675. Total valuation, \$4,292.	64 35
1	Milo S. Booth.	5 cows 130, 9 sheep 30, total \$160. Buildings 450, home lot 101—1,375, total \$1,825. Total valuation \$1,985.	30 86
1	Daniel Bowen.	.	2 00
1	Frank Baley.	.	2 00
1	Henry Blodgett.	1 horse 100, 2 oxen 140, 7 cows 210, 2 two-year-olds 40, 3 yearlings 30, 2 sheep 20, total \$540. Buildings 800, home lot 180—1,425, total \$2,225. Total valuation, \$2,765.	42 17
1	Asa P. Blodgett.	2 oxen 150, 3 cows, 90, 3 two-year-olds 60, 3 yearlings 30, total \$330. Buildings 250, home lot 80—650, total \$900. Total valuation, \$1,230.	19 84
1	James N. Buxton.	1 horse 50, 2 oxen 130, 6 cows 170, 1 two-year-old 20, 3 yearlings 40, total \$410. Buildings 900, home lot 213—1,400, Moon lot 5—70, total \$2,370. Total valuation, \$2,780.	42 32
2	D. Brown and Son.	2 horses 150, 2 oxen 160, 20 cows 560, 3 two-year-olds 55, 2 yearlings 20, 7 swine 35, total \$980. Buildings 800, home lot 231—2,800, total \$3,600. Total valuation, \$4,580.	70 41
	Estate Mrs. Bennett.	Buildings 400, home lot 100—800. Total valuation, \$1,200	17 40

Polls.	Names.	Description of Property.	Total Tax.
	J. S. Blair and others.	Buildings 1,500, home lot 1—200. Total \$1,700.	\$24 65
	Avery Benson.	Buildings 200, home lot 55—350. Total, \$550.	7 98
	Bacon & Lombard.	Swamp lot 27—450. Total \$450.	6 53
	Boston & Albany R. R. Co.	Building 900, lot 1-2—100. Total \$1,000.	14 50
	M. T. Brosnehan,	farm 218—1,900. Total \$1,900.	27 55
	Estate M. Beebe.	Buildings 225, home lot 50—300. Total \$525.	7 69
	Rebecca Bliss.	Buildings 450, lot 1-2—50. Total \$500. Exempt.	
1	Moses A. Cheever.	1 horse 50, 2 oxen 140, 4 cows 125, 5 yearlings 50, total \$365. Buildings 600, home lot 120—1,150, total \$1,750. Total valuation, \$2,115.	32 75
1	Edward W. Cheever.		2 00
1	Miner H. Corbin.	2 horses 100, 6 cows 180, 9 sheep 35, 1 swine 15, 1 carriage 50; total \$380. Buildings 700, home lot 165—1,450, total \$2,150. Total valuation, \$2,513.	38 69
1	Frank E. Cook.	1 horse 50, 2 cows 70, total \$120. Buildings 350, home lot 1—25, Russell lot, 2—50, wood lot 5—25, Russell farm 25—200, total \$650. Total valuation \$770.	13 17
1	Elmer W. Carder,		2 00
1	John F. Converse,	stock 2,000, total \$2,000. Buildings 2,700, lot 1—300, total \$3,000. Total valuation, \$5,000.	74 50
	Mrs. Lizzy L. Converse.	Bonds etc. 5,000, 2 horses 200, 1 cow 40, carriages 300, total \$5,540. Buildings 4,500, home lot 15—1,500, total \$6,100. Total valuation, \$11,640.	168 78
1	George F. Chamberlain.	Stock 300, 3 horses 300, 1 carriage 100, total \$700. Buildings 2,400, home lot 4—500, Hitchcock lot 2—100, total \$3,000. Total valuation, \$3,700.	55 65

Polls.	Names.	Description of Property.	Total Tax.
1	William S. Cowdry.	.	\$2 00
2	A. Charles and Son.	2 horses 150, 2 oxen 150, 15 cows 400, 3 two-year-olds 60, 20 yearlings 300, 8 swine 65, carriage 50, total \$1,175. Buildings 2,000, home lot 333—3,700, Charles lot 80—825, swamp lot 10—150, total \$6,675. Total valuation, \$7,850.	117 97
1	Fred A. Charles.	.	2 00
1	Frank Combs.	.	2 00
	Ann E. Coburn.	1 cow 25, total \$25. Buildings 200, home lot 40—225, nigger lot 8—50, total \$475. Total valuation, \$500.	7 40
1	Patrick Cassady.	1 horse 25, 2 oxen 100, 5 cows 125, 1 two-year-old 15, total \$265. Buildings 275, home lot 125—725, total \$1,000. Total valuation, \$1,265.	20 42
1	Horatio L. Converse.	1 cow 40, total \$40. Buildings 1,450, home lot 1-4—50, total \$1,500. Total valuation, \$1,540.	24 33
1	John L. Chaffee, Jr.	2 horses 50, 3 cows 70, 2 yearlings 15, 5 sheep 20, total \$155. Buildings 500, home lot 40—200, Lombard lot 40—150, total \$850. Total valuation, \$1,005.	16 65
1	Joseph Champeaux,	1 horse 50, 6 cows 150, 4 2-year-olds, 75, 3 yearlings 25, 1 swine 8, total \$308. Buildings 800, home lot 140—1,800, total \$2,600. Total valuation, \$2,908.	44 20
1	John Cunningham.	Buildings 225, home lot 65—400. Total \$625.	11 14
1	Patrick Cary.	1 horse 25, 2 oxen 125, 3 cows 90, 1 2-year old 18, 2 yearlings, 18, 4 swine, 15, total \$290. Buildings 300, home lot 110—950, total \$1250. Total valuation, \$1,540.	24 34
1	Lucius A. Cutler,	2 horses 175, 2 cows 65, 1 yearling 15, carriages 150, total \$405. Buildings 800, home lot 12—500, Mountain lot 52—300, total \$1,600. Total valuation, \$2,005.	31 15

Polls.	Names.	Description of Property.	Total Tax.
	Geo. W. Collis.	2 oxen 140, 10 cows 250, 1 swine 5, total \$395. Buildings 650, home lot 125—1,225 total \$1,875. Total valuation, \$2,270.	\$33 06
	A. L. Converse & H. S. Lee, trustees,	stocks and bonds, \$20,000.	290 00
1	Cyprion Dion.	2 horses 100, 3 cows 90, 1 yearling 15, 1 sheep 8, 2 swine 30, total \$243. Buildings 425, home lot 120—1,000, total \$1,425. Total valuation, \$1,668.	26 22
1	Peter Dion.		2 00
1	Dexter Daniels.	1 horse 50, 1 cow 30, total \$80. Buildings 200, home lot 70—350, total \$550. Total valuation, \$630.	11 14
1	Arthur J. Daniels.	Stock 1,200, total, \$1,200.	19 40
1	Harrison L. Damon.	1 horse 75, 3 cows, 75, 1 swine 5, total, \$155. Buildings 400, home lot 45—275, Phelps lot 6—50, total \$725. Total valuation, \$880.	14 90
1	Andrew Dunsmore.		2 00
1	Edward H. Davenport.	5 cows 125, 1 two-year-old 20, 1 yearling 15, 2 swine 15, total \$175. Buildings 200, home lot 45—350, Benson lot 30—260, total \$810. Total valuation, \$985.	16 36
1	Jonathan C. Dix.	1 horse 75, 2 oxen 80, 7 cows 210, total \$365. Buildings 1,150, home lot 127—1,500, Gleason lot 12—150, total \$2,800. Total valuation, \$3,165.	47 97
1	William L. Daniels.	Buildings 425, home lot 1 1-2—100. Total valuation, \$525.	9 69
2	George and James Dunham.	2 horses 150, 2 oxen 160, 7 cows 200, 2 two-year-olds 60, 4 yearlings 40, 4 swine 30, carriage 50, total \$690. Buildings 850, home lot 100—1,325, Nichols lot 44—425, total \$2,600. Total valuation, \$3,290.	51 71
1	D. L. Daniels.		2 00
	Miss A. Drury.	Buildings 625, home lot 2—125, pasture 6—50. Total valuation, \$800.	11 60

Polls.	Names.	Description of Property.	Total Tax.
1	Jonathan Emerson.	1 horse 40, 4 oxen 215, 4 cows 115, total \$370. Buildings 625, home lot 81—900, Draper lot 15—275, wood lot 22—500, breakneck 16—75, Bond lot 30—125, total \$2,500. Total valuation, \$2,870. . . .	\$43 62
1	John A. Elliot.	. . . . .	2 00
	Estate of Mrs. P. Elliott.	1 horse 75, 3 cows 90, total \$165. Buildings 200, home lot 160—800, total \$1,000. Total valuation, \$1,165. . . .	16 97
1	Levi W. Emerson.	Buildings 175, home lot 1-2—40. Total valuation, \$215.	5 19
1	Daniel Egan.	2 horses 100, 12 cows 336, 3 yearlings 36, 4 swine 20, total \$492. Buildings 650, home lot 150—1,600, total \$2,250. Total valuation, \$2,742.	41 74
1	John P. Eastman.	1 horse 75, total \$75.	3 16
1	Elijah Fosket.	1 cow 25, total \$25. Buildings 200, home lot 18—200, total \$400. Total valuation, \$425.	8 24
1	D. R. Ferry.	1 cow 25, total \$25.	2 44
1	George Fleming.	1 horse 25, 1 cow 25, 2 two-year-olds 40, total \$90. Buildings 225, home lot 69—700, total \$925. Total valuation, \$1,015.	16 80
1	Thomas Fitzgerald.	1 horse 25, 2 cows 50, 1 two-year-old 15, 2 yearlings 10, 1 sheep 8, total \$108. Buildings 275, home lot 69—575, total \$850. Total valuation, \$958.	15 93
1	William Fosket.	1 horse 40, 2 oxen 100, 3 cows 85, 1 two-year-old 20, total \$245. Buildings 700, home lot 115—1,375, total \$2,175. Total valuation, \$2,420.	37 24
1	Justus K. Fay.	. . . . .	2 00
1	Frank W. Fenton.	2 horses 150, 5 cows 100, 1 two-year-old 15. Total valuation, \$265.	5 92
1	Rufus Fosket.	1 horse 75, 2 cows 55, 2 2-year-olds 30, 2 yearlings 20, total \$180. Buildings 600, Wight place 50—600, mill, &c. 3,500, home lot 55—700, total \$5,400. Total valuation, \$5,580.	82 91

Polls.	Names.	Description of Property.	Total Tax.
1	D. Winslow Fosket.	2 horses 200. Total \$200.	\$ 4 90
	Fosket & Holbrook.	Stock 800, 4 horses 600.	
	Total \$1,400.		20 30
1	Benjamin B. Fenton.	2 oxen 130, 1 cow 25, 3 2-year-olds 70, 1 swine 5, total 230. Buildings 850, home lot 90—900, total \$1,750. Total valuation, \$1,980.	30 72
1.	John E. Farrall.	1 horse 75, 2 oxen 125, 3 cows 90, total \$290. Buildings 650, home lot 130—950, Aldrich lot 6—25, total \$1,625. Total valuation, \$1,915.	29 85
	Lucius C. Fenton.	Buildings 800, home lot 200—1,550, Gassett lot 5—50. Total \$2,400.	34 80
1	Horace M. Gardner.		2 00
	Estate Mrs. H. M. Gardner.	Nichols lot 10—100, total \$100.	1 45
1	William A Gilbert.	Shop 50, Webber lot 10—140, total valuation, \$190.	4 76
1	Lyman P. Green.	1 cow 30, 1 2-year-old 25, total \$55. Buildings 275, home lot 40—150, total \$425. Total valuation, \$480.	9 11
1	William H. Green.	1 horse 120, 3 cows 90, 2 2-year olds 40, 4 yearlings 40, 1 swine 10, total \$300. Buildings 450, home lot 75—475. Tarbell lot 50—350, Sessions lot 12—140, total \$1,415. Total valuation, 1,715.	26 94
1	William Giffin.		2 00
1	Stephen Grady.		2 00
	Celestia Goodale.	1 horse 25, 1 cow 25, total \$50. Buildings 300, home lot 22—300, total \$600. Exempt \$500. Total valuation, \$150.	2 18
1	Daniel L. Griggs.	1 horse 40, total \$40.	2 58
	Ladocia Griggs.	1 horse 80, total \$80. Buildings 380, home lot 57—650, total \$1,030. Total valuation, \$1,110.	16 10
	Harriet N. Griggs.	Buildings 1,400, home lot 2 1-2—300. Total valuation, \$1,700.	24 65
1	James L. Groves.	1 cow 30, total \$30.	2 44

Polls.	Names.	Description of Property.	Total Tax.
	Mrs. J. L. Groves.	1 horse 25, 1 two-year-old 18, total \$43. Buildings 400, home lot 70—425, Hunt lot 22—75, Smith lot 20—175, Roper lot 3—40, total \$1,115. Total valuation, \$1,158.	\$16 82
1	Frank St. George.	. . . . .	2 00
1	John Gilmore.	. . . . .	2 00
1	Charles St. George.	. . . . .	2 00
1	William E. Gilbert.	. . . . .	2 00
1	John P. Griggs.	2 horses 100, 5 cows 140, total \$240. Buildings 600, home lot 100—800, total \$1,400. Total valuation, \$1,640.	25 78
1	Nathan M. Goodale.	Buildings 1,500, home lot 1—150. Total valuation, \$1,650.	25 93
1	John Gates.	1 cow 25, total \$25. Buildings 350, home lot 1—40, plain lot 27—175, total \$565. Total valuation, \$590.	10 70
1	Clifton L. Gould.	2 horses 75, 3 cows 90, total \$165. Buildings 575, home lot 40—375, mountain lot 57—150, total \$1,100. Total valuation, \$1,265.	20 42
1	Joseph St. George.	. . . . .	2 00
	Lucy Goodale.	Buildings 400, home lot 2—200, total \$600. Exempt \$500. Total \$100.	1 45
	Alexander Harwood.	3 horses 75, 4 cows 100, total \$175. Buildings 300, home lot 162—450, Ferry lot 17—50, Blanchard lot 11—50, Ballue lot 40—240, total \$1,110. Total valuation, \$1,285.	20 71
1	Marcus Hitchcock.	. . . . .	2 00
1	William N. Hitchcock.	2 horses 100, 1 cow 30, 1 two-year-old 20, 1 yearling 15, total \$165. Buildings 700, home lot 66—850, total \$1,550. Total valuation, \$1,715.	26 95
1	Joseph C. Hunter.	1 horse 25, total \$25. Buildings 300, home lot 2—175, Russell lot 31—200, total \$675. Total valuation, \$700.	12 30
1	William K. Howard.	1 horse 50, 2 cows 50, total \$100. Buildings 375, home lot 57—550, total \$925. Total valuation, \$1,025.	16 94

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1	Edward W. Hitchcock.	Stock 400, 2 horses 100, 2 swine 12, carriage 75, total \$587. Buildings 2,700, home lot 2—300, total \$3,000. Buildings 700, home lot 30—500, wood lot 8—100, total \$1,300. Total valuation, \$4,887. . . .	\$72 91
1	George M. Hitchcock.	2 horses 150, 8 cows 240, 2 two-year-olds 40, 7 swine 105, total \$535. Buildings 2,200, home lot 32—800, Russell lot and barn 25—200, cheese lot 1-2—40, total \$3,240. Total valuation, \$3,775. . . .	56 81
1	Walter Haynes.	1 horse 25, 1 cow 40, total \$65. Buildings 450, home lot 24—350, total \$800. Total valuation, \$865. . . .	14 62
1	Michael Hynes.	1 horse 50; 3 cows 85, 2 2-year-olds 25, 8 sheep 40, 1 swine 10, total \$210. Buildings 100, home lot 115—750, total \$850. Total valuation \$1,060. . . .	17 38
1	Karl Hauckthauson.	. . . .	2 00
1	Frederick Hass.	. . . .	2 00
1	James Harvey.	Buildings 1,400, home lot 1—100. Total valuation, \$1,500. . . .	23 75
1	Daniel Haynes.	Buildings 150, home lot 1—75, wood lot 4—50. Total valuation, \$275. . . .	6 06
1	Otis B Hill.	1 horse 25, 1 cow 25. Total \$50. . . .	2 73
1	Harvey D. Hall.	1 horse 25, 2 oxen 125, 6 cows 175, 1 2-year-old 18, total \$343. Buildings 300, home lot 150—1,375, total \$1,675. Total valuation, \$2,018. . . .	31 29
1	Edward Hanlon.	. . . .	2 00
1	Chandler Healy.	1 cow 30, total \$30. Buildings 250, home lot 1—50, total \$300. Total valuation, \$330. . . .	6 79
1	Herbert Healy.	. . . .	2 00
1	Orrin Hicks.	. . . .	2 00
1	John Hymes.	. . . .	2 00
	Mrs. J. Hymes.	Buildings 225, home lot 1-4—25, total \$250. . . .	3 63
1	Joseph Harness.	2 00

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1	Newton S. Hubbard.	3 horses 225, 2 oxen 140, 17 cows 465, 1 2-year old 25, 4 swine 35, carriage 50, total \$940. Buildings 1,350, home lot 95—1,700, Hill lot 17—250, Dix lot 50—600, total \$3,900. Total valuation \$4,840. . .	\$72 18
1	George F. Holdridge.	1 horse 50, 1 cow 30, 1 yearling 15, 2 swine 10, total \$105. Buildings 275, home lot 123—1,000, Groves lot 3—100, total \$1,375. Total valuation, \$1,480. . .	23 61
1	James P. Hatch.	. . . . .	2 00
1	William E. Hitchcock.	2 cows 50, total \$50. Buildings 500, home lot 205—2,000, total \$2,500. Total valuation, \$2,550.	38 98
1	John Haley.	2 horses 100, 2 oxen 100, 18 cows 450, total \$650. Buildings 850, home lot 163—2,375, total \$3,225. Total valuation, \$3,875. . .	58 27
1	Ansel Holbrook.	1 horse 75, 2 oxen 140, 12 cows 340, 7 two-year-olds 130, 1 yearling 10, 6 swine 30, total \$725. Buildings 1,000, home lot 90—1,100, Nutting lot 30—275, Homer lot 45—550, Dunbar lot 35—550, total \$3,475. Total valuation, \$5,200.	63 05
1	Abiram Holbrook.	. . . . .	2 00
	Mrs. Hannon and heirs.	Buildings 275, home lot 70—575, total \$850. Exempt.	
1	Dennis Hannon.	1 horse 75, 1 cow 25, 1 two-year-old 20, 1 yearling 10, 3 sheep 15, total \$145.	4 18
	Ruth B. Homer.	Buildings 1,200, home lot 1-3—100, total \$1,300.	18 85
1	Edwin A. Janes.	1 horse 100, 2 oxen 130, 4 cows 120, 1 two-year-old 25, 3 yearlings 40, 1 sheep 10, carriage 50, total \$475. Buildings 800, home lot 88—900, total \$1,700. Total valuation, \$2,175.	33 61
2	Harvey Janes and son.	1 horse 75, 5 oxen 320, 9 cows 285, 4 sheep 20, carriage 60, total \$760. Buildings 850, home lot 60—850, Wells lot 5—150, Arnold lot 25—475, total \$2,325. Total valuation, \$3,085.	48 81

Polls.	Names.	Description of Property.	Total Tax.
1	David W. Janes.	2 horses 125, 2 oxen 150, 8 cows 250, 2 2-year-olds, 50, carriage 50, total \$625. Buildings 900, home lot 53—850, Arnold lot 3—100, Shumway lot 16—125, Bruce lot 7—50, total \$2,025. Total valuation, \$2,650 . . .	\$40 58
1	William S. Janes.	1 horse 100, 2 oxen 150, 5 cows 150 1 2-year-old 25, carriage 75, total \$500. Buildings 1200, home lot 1—150, farm 55—1,300, wood lot 17—150, Parker lot 5—35, total \$2,835. Total valuation, \$3,335. . . .	50 43
1	P. B. Johnson.	3 horses 250, 1 bull 30, 17 cows 500, total \$780. Buildings 1,600, home lot 168—2,450, total 4,050. Total valuation, \$4,830. .	72 04
1	Lawson Kenney.	1 cow 25, total \$25. Buildings 600, home lot 55—350, total \$950. Total valuation \$975.	16 22
1	T. M. King.	. . . . .	2 00
1	Morris Knothe.	. . . . .	2 00
1	Harlow Kibbe.	. . . . .	2 00
2	Joseph Kyte.	1 horse 80. Total \$80.	5 16
1	Michael Kerrigan.	. . . . .	2 00
1	Frank S. King.	. . . . .	2 00
1	Alfred Lombard.	1 horse 25, 2 cows 60, 2 yearlings 30, 1 swine 10, total \$125. Buildings 500, home lot 3—100, plain lot 40—350, total \$950. Total valuation, \$1,075.	17 67
	Alfred Lombard.	Buildings 600, home lot 55—450. Total valuation, \$1,050.	15 23
1	Edward Lee.	1 horse 60, 3 cows, 60, total \$120. Buildings 275, home lot 25—400, meadow lot 4—60, total \$735. Total valuation, \$855. .	14 47
1	Francis D. Lincoln.	2 horses 100, 2 cows 60, 2 two-year-olds 40, 1 swine 15, carriage 125, total \$340. Buildings 1,600, home lot 180—2,500, total \$4,100. Total valuation, \$4,440. .	66 38
	J. F. Lombard.	Buildings 400, Gardner place 100—600. Total valuation, \$1,000.	14 50
1	David Leno.	. . . . .	2 00

Polls.	Names.	Description of Property.	Total Tax.
1	John F. Lombard.	5 horses 500, 4 cows 110, 1 yearling 15, 2 swine 20, total \$645. Buildings 425, home lot 2—140, plain lot 15—225, Weld lot 10—30, Charles lot 8—25, total \$845. Total valuation, \$1,490.	23 76
1	Dwight Lombard.	. . . . .	2 00
1	Carl Lange.	. . . . .	2 00
1	Andrew Lucus.	3 cows 70, total \$70.	3 02
1	William H. Lombard.	Sprout lot 5—25, Dimock lot 1—25. Total valuation, \$50.	2 73
1	Frank Locke.	2 horses 150, 1 cow 30, total \$180. Buildings 550, home lot 4—175, Chamberlain lot 50—100, total \$825. Total valuation, \$1,005.	16 65
	John W. Lawrence.	13 cows 365, 2 two-year-olds 40, 2 yearlings 25, total \$430. Buildings 650, land 112—1,500, total \$2,150. Total valuation, \$2,580.	37 42
1	Phillip LaFlure.	. . . . .	2 00
1	Alexander LaFlure.	. . . . .	2 00
1	Emery E. Livermore.	1 Horse 75, total \$75. Buildings 800, home lot 4—500, wood lot 8—100, total \$1,400. Total valuation, \$1,475.	23 46
1	Charles Leno.	. . . . .	2 00
1	Ezra LaPlant.	. . . . .	2 00
1	Samuel S. Livermore.	1 horse 75, total \$75.	3 16
1	Harry A. Lombard.	. . . . .	2 00
1	Henry LaPoint.	. . . . .	2 00
1	Cassius McKinstry.	. . . . .	2 00
1	Samuel A. McAlister.	2 horses 250, 2 cows 70, total \$320. Buildings 2,400, home lot 6—250, total \$2,650. Total valuation, \$2,970.	45 07
1	J. A. Marsells.	1 horse 50, 3 cows 90, total \$140. Buildings 625, home lot 6 1-2—225, Bond lot 8—125, total \$975. Total valuation, \$1,115.	18 24
1	Peter W. Moore.	1 horse 75, 2 oxen 125, 4 cows 120, carriage 50, total \$370. Buildings 500, home lot 126—1,200, total \$1,700. Total valuation, \$2,070.	32 02

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1	Alfred Moore.	1 horse 50, total \$50.	\$ 2 73
1	Needham Moulton.	1 cow 40, total \$40. Buildings 300, home lot 1—100, total \$400. Total valuation, \$440.	8 38
1	John W. Morgan.	1 horse 75, 2 cows 70, total \$145. Buildings 800, home lot 1—150, hill lot 12—300, total \$1,250. Total valuation, \$1,395.	22 31
1	Orrin Moore.	2 horses 130, 7 cows 230, 5 swine 40, total \$400. Buildings 400, home lot 190—1,550, total \$1,950. Total valuation, \$2,350.	36 08
1	Morris Moore.	. . . . .	2 00
1	Fred Moore.	. . . . .	2 00
1	Charles Moore.	. . . . .	2 00
1	A. C. G. Messerve.	2 horses 100, 4 oxen 175, 4 cows 100, 2 2-year-olds 40, total \$415. Build- ings 450, home lot 166—1,300. Bond lot 20— 100, Lombard lot 25—150, total \$2,000. Total valuation, \$2,415.	37 09
1	Hugh McIntire.	1 horse 50, 6 cows 180, 1 2-year- old 20, 2 yearlings 25, 1 swine 5, total \$280. Buildings 600, home lot 68—600, total \$1,200. Total valuation, \$1,480.	23 46
1	Lewis B. McCrellis.	1 horse 30, 3 cows 75, 2 swine 15. Total \$120.	3 74
1	Orrin T. McCrellis.	1 cow 25. Total \$25.	2 44
1	Amos Munroe.	Cash 700, 3 horses 190, 2 cows 60, total \$950. Buildings 5,000, home lot 1—200, Wheeler lot 7—200, total \$5,400. Total valuation \$6,350.	94 08
1	Miner Miller.	1 horse 50, 2 cows 60, total \$110. Buildings 1,550, home lot 7—450, total \$2,000. Total valuation, \$2,110.	32 60
1	Thomas J. Morgan.	3 horses 275, 2 oxen 125, 6 cows 150, 2-2-year olds 40, total \$590. Buildings \$1,- 500, home lot 100—950. Total \$2,450. Total valuation, \$3,040.	46 09
1	Edward H. Morgan.	. . . . .	2 00

Polls.	Names.	Description of Property.	Total Tax.
1	John McIntire.	1 horse 25, 2 oxen 70, 7 cows, 180, 4 sheep 20, 2 swine 15, total \$310. Buildings 575, home lot 150—1,425, total \$2,000. Total valuation, \$2,310.	\$35 50
1	Frank Moon.	1 horse 25, 1 cow 25, total \$50. Buildings 400, home lot 1 1-2—150, plain lot 1 1-2—50, total \$600. Total valuation \$650.	11 43
1	Elisha C. Marsh.	1 horse 75, 5 cows 150, 1 2-year- old 18, 1 yearling 8, carriage 50, total \$301. Buildings \$1,150, home lot 154—1,500. Total \$2,650. Total valuation, \$2,951.	44 93
1	Albert Miller.	. . . . .	2 00
1	Rudolph Matot.	. . . . .	2 00
1	Edward Morgan.	. . . . .	2 00
1	Austin Moulton.	1 horse 30. Total \$30.	2 44
1	George G. Moore.	1 horse 150, 1 2-year-old 20, total \$170. Buildings 1,400 home lot 140—1,325, Allen lot 1—25, total \$2,750. Total valuation, \$2,920.	44 35
1	Henry B. Moulton.	. . . . .	2 00
	Estate Mrs. Moulton.	Buildings 100, home lot 100, total \$200.	2 90
	Mrs. A. Newell,	buildings 500, home lot 19—300, total \$800.	11 60
1	Cheney Newton.	1 cow 35, total \$35, wood lot 8— 50, total \$50. Total valuation. \$85.	3 31
	Mrs. C. Newton.	Buildings 500, home lot 1-3—100. Total \$600.	8 70
1	John S. Needham.	1 horse 75, 2 cows 60, 1 yearling 15, 1 swine 5, total \$155. Buildings 725, home 76—850, total 1,575. Total valuation, \$1,750.	27 23
1	Erasmus Newport.	. . . . .	2 00
1	Phillip Nessel.	. . . . .	2 00
1	Frank R. Newton.	1 horse 100, 4 cows 100, 1 2-year- old 20, 4 yearlings 32, 1 swine 8, total \$260. Buildings 700, home lot 2—125, farm 55—725, total \$1,550. Total valuation, \$1,810.	28 25

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2	James and Gilman Noyes.	1 horse 100, 3 oxen 175, 6 cows 150, 1 two-year-old 20, 1 yearling 15, 1 swine 10, carriage 50, total \$520. Buildings 600, home lot 160—1,600, total \$2,200. Total valuation, \$2,720.	\$43 44
	James Noyes.	Blanchard lot 3—25, Morgan lot 18—180, Ferry lot 14—175, Gardner lot 25—200. Total valuation, \$580.	8 41
1	Lyman Needham.	.	2 00
1	Albert W. Pierson.	.	2 00
1	Porter A. Parker.	2 horses 200, 3 oxen 180, 8 cows 240, 4 yearlings 70, carriage 75, total \$765. Buildings 1,900, home lot 84—1,100, wood lot 15—125, Cooley lot 18—150, swamp lot 5—50, Russell lot 25—225, total \$3,550. Total valuation, \$4,315.	64 65
	P. A. Parker.	Buildings 750, farm 32—800, Morgan lot 40—300. Total valuation, \$1,850.	26 83
1	J. H. Plimpton.	.	2 00
1	Isaac W. Pratt.	.	2 00
	Mrs. I. W. Pratt.	3 horses 100, 7 cows 210, 2 two-year-olds 45, 2 yearlings 25, 1 swine 10, total \$390. Buildings 750, home lot 165—1,375, total \$2,125. Total valuation, \$2,515.	36 55
1	F. Pfamckuchon.	1 horse 75, total \$75.	3 16
1	Robert Phillips.	.	2 00
1	Webster K. Peirce.	.	2 00
1	Silas Parker.	1 cow 35, total \$35. Buildings 525, lot 1 1-2—175, total \$700. Total valuation, \$735.	12 73
1	Edward W. Potter.	Buildings 750, home lot 2—300, total \$1,050.	17 23
1	Norman S. Powers.	1 horse 75, 2 oxen 150, 15 cows 450, 4 two-year-olds 60, 8 sheep 40, 8 swine 30, total \$805. Buildings 1,400, home lot 117—1,750, Brown's hill 77—700, total \$3,850. Total valuation, \$4,655.	69 58
1	George W. Powers.	.	2 00

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1	Orus E. Parker.	2 horses 200, 18 cows 485, 1 two-year-old 20, 2 swine 15, total \$720. Buildings 1,300, home lot 264—3,000, hill lot 10—150, wood lot 8—50, total \$4,500. Total valuation, \$5,220.	\$77 69
1	Frederick T. Parker.	2 horses 250, 2 oxen 140, 10 cows 290, 1 two-year-old 20, 2 yearlings 25, 1 swine 10, total \$735. Buildings 1,050, home lot 100—1,800, total \$2,850. Total valuation, \$3,585.	54 04
1	Oliver J. Plimpton.	1 horse 75, 3 cows 85, 2 two-year-olds 25, total \$185. Buildings 450, home lot 40—500, Griggs lot 12—100, total \$1,050. Total valuation, \$1,135.	19 99
1	Wilber G. Parker.	2 horses 175, 3 cows 90, 1 yearling 15, total \$280. Buildings 750, home lot 115—1,050, total \$1,800. Total valuation, \$2,080.	32 16
1	George Pease.	. . . . .	2 00
	Estate of Lucy Pynchon.	Buildings 800, home lot 2 1-3—225, total \$1,025.	14 94
1	Nathan F. Robinson.	Buildings 800, home lot 3-4—150, total \$950.	15 78
1	Herman Rosenback.	. . . . .	2 00
1	Henry Richards.	1 horse 70, 1 cow 30, total \$100.	3 45
1	Albert Rice.	1 horse 50, 2 cows 50, total \$100, Farm 20—125, total \$125. Total valuation, \$225.	5 34
1	Lorin G. Reed.	3 horses 150, 7 cows 210, 1 two-year-old 20, 4 yearlings 50, 2 swine 10, total \$440. Buildings 800, home lot 150—2,200, total \$3,000. Total valuation, \$3,440.	51 88
1	Alexander Roberts.	. . . . .	2 00
1	Joseph Russell.	. . . . .	2 00
1	Charles Reed.	1 cow 20, total \$20. Buildings 475, home lot 137—1,375, total \$1,850. Total valuation, \$1,870.	29 12
1	Willard Richards.	2 00
1	Lewis Ranko.	2 00

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1	Isaac G. Randall.	1 horse 25, 5 cows 140, 1 two-year-old 20, total \$185. Buildings 500, home lot 15—400, total \$900. Total valuation, \$1,085.	\$17 81
	Estate of H. Russell.	Mountain lot 14—75, total \$75.	1 16
	William H. Reese.	Buildings 200, lot 2—75, total \$275.	4 06
1	Elijah T. Sherman.	3 horses 150, 2 oxen 175, 26 cows 650, 3 two-year-olds 65, 3 yearlings 30, 6 swine 50, carriages 100, total \$1,220. Buildings 8,000, home lot 220—3,000, east wood lot 12—100, Herring lot 11—650, swamp lot 9—50, stonage meadow, 4—20, wood lot 20—330, buildings Barrows place 900, land 2—100, Heater lot 2—75, total \$13,225. Total valuation, \$14,445.	211 53
2	M. Shanly and son.	2 horses 125, 2 oxen 140, 21 cows 525, 4 two-year-olds 80, 1 yearling 10, 2 swine 10, total \$890. Buildings 900, home lot 176—2,100, total \$3,000. Total valuation, \$3,890.	60 40
1	Braman E. Sibley.	1 cow 30, total \$30. Buildings 500, home lot 13—450, total \$950. Total valuation, \$980.	16 22
1	Joseph Shorkey.	2 horses 175, 2 oxen 130, 4 cows 115, total \$420. Buildings 200, farm 100—725, total \$925. Total valuation, \$1,345.	21 58
1	Abner Shaw.	1 horse 25, 2 cows 60, total \$85. Buildings 200, home lot 1-2—50, Powers lot 45—500, wood lot 8—300, total \$1,050. Total valuation, \$1,135.	18 54
1	Paul Shepherd.		2 00
1	Otto Shaffer.		2 00
1	William H. Shaw.	1 horse 75, 2 oxen 130, 1 yearling 25, 1 swine 10, total \$480. Buildings 600, home lot 95—950, Charles lot 17—50, Ferry lot 19—190, Worthington lot 5—30, Hunter lot 9—75, Shaw lot 6—30, Elliot lot 4—15, total \$1,940. Total valuation, \$2,420.	37 09

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1	Marble Shurtliff.	.	\$2 00
1	Marble Shurtliff, Jr.	.	2 00
1	Chester Scarborough.	1 horse 75, total \$75. Build- ings 300, home lot 2—100, total \$400. Total valuation, \$475.	8 96
1	Michael Sheridan.	.	2 00
1	Joel Sizer.	1 cow 30, total \$30.	2 44
1	William L. Sizer.	1 horse 25, 1 cow 25, 1 swine 10, total \$60.	2 87
1	H. King Shaw.	.	2 00
1	Andrew Stone.	2 horses 70, 4 cows 120, 1 two-year- old 15, 2 yearlings 20, total \$225.	5 34
1	Frank W. Shepherd.	.	2 00
	Mary Stewart.	2 cows 40, total \$40. Buildings 300, home lot 110—500, total \$800. Exempt \$500. Total valuation, \$340.	4 93
1	John C. Spring.	1 horse 25, 2 oxen 80, 8 cows 200, 1 2-year-old 20, 1 yearling 15, 15 sheep 60, 4 swine 30, total \$430. Buildings 1,100 home lot, 145—1,725, Upham lot 63—850, total \$3,575. Total valuation, \$4,115.	60 15
1	William H. Sherman.	1 carriage 60. Total \$60.	2 87
1	Geo. W. Sherman.	1 horse 100, 2 cows 60, 2 2- year-olds 75, 31 sheep 95, carriage 50, total \$380. Buildings 1,400, home lot 100—1200, hardscrab- ble lot 20—75, Lombard lot 9—50, Roper lot 8— 25, total \$2,750. Total valuation, \$3,131.	47 39
1	Alfred A. Stebbins.	2 cows 50, 1 2-year-old 15, total \$65. Buildings 300, home lot 17—400, total \$700. Total valuation \$765.	13 17
1	Arthur Stebbins.	.	2 00
1	George A. Stetson.	1 horse 60, 3 cows 75, 2 2-year- olds 40, 1 swine 10, total \$185. Buildings 475, home lot 11—375, total \$850. Total valuation, \$1,035.	17 09
	John Shaw.	Buildings 400, home lot 60—575, Keyes lot 25—125, Lombard lot 16—125, total \$1,225.	17 84

Polls.	Names.	Description of Property.	Total Tax.
1	Josiah Stebbins.	2 horses 140, 2 oxen 140, 6 cows 165, 1 2-year old 20, 4 yearlings 50, 4 sheep 20, 1 swine 15, total \$550. Buildings 900, home lot 190—1800, total \$2,700. Total valuation, \$3,250.	\$49 13
	Caroline Stetson.	Buildings 350, home lot 1-4—25, total \$375.	5 51
	Est P. F. Spaulding.	Stock 50, total \$50. Russell lot 17—250, wood lot 18—200, plain lot 10—400, total \$850. Total valuation, \$900.	13 06
1	Albert G. Tarbell.	. . . . .	2 00
1	Alva Thayer.	1 horse 40, 3 cows 90, 1 two-year-old 25, total \$155. Buildings 350, home lot 90—650, total \$1,000. Total valuation, \$1,155.	18 82
1	Albert D. Thomas.	1 horse 75, 2 oxen 140, 6 cows 180, 2 two-year-olds 40, 1 yearling 10, 1 swine 10, total \$455. Buildings 475, home lot 262—1,400, total \$1,875. Total valuation, \$2,330.	35 93
2	Michael Traverse.	1 horse 80, 2 oxen 80, 8 cows 200, total \$360. Buildings 250, home lot 83—400, Gleason lot 6—50, Upham lot 15—100, Bond lot 10—25, Upham No. 2 lot 13—100, total \$925. Total valuation, \$1,285.	22 71
1	Charles S. Tarbell.	. . . . .	2 00
1	Elijah E. Tarbell.	1 horse 50, 2 cows 60, total \$110. Buildings 700, home lot 18—225, Beccy lot 30—50, total \$1,075. Total valuation, \$1,185.	19 26
1	James Tart.	. . . . .	2 00
1	Frank H. Tobey.	. . . . .	2 00
	Mary A. Tarbell.	Buildings 700, home lot 12—700, Herring lot 16—150, total \$1,550.	22 48
1	Leonard S. Upham.	. . . . .	2 00
1	George H. Upham.	Buildings 100, lot 1-20—50, total \$150.	4 18
1	Laurens Upham.	1 horse 75, 1 cow 25, 5 yearlings 50, total \$150. Pasture 40—300, total \$300. Total valuation, \$450.	8 53
1	George W. Upham.	2 00

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	Catherine Upham.	Buildings 500, home lot 90—550, total \$1,050.	\$15 23
1	Arthur A. Upham.		2 00
1	Henry A. Webber.	1 horse 25, total \$25. Buildings 600, lot 4—150, total \$750. Total valuation, \$775.	13 32
	G. G. Williams.	Barn 200, home lot 110—525, total \$725.	10 59
1	Patrick White.	2 horses 50, 6 cows 180, 2 yearlings 30, 1 swine 8, total \$268. Buildings 700, home lot 125—850, total \$1,550. Total valuation, \$1,818.	28 40
1	George E. Wood.		2 00
1	James J. Warren.	1 horse 100, carriage 150, total \$250. Buildings 1,800, home lot 13—1,500, total \$3,300. Total valuation, \$3,550.	53 48
1	Ruel A. Williams.	2 oxen 100, 3 cows 75, 1 yearling 12, 2 sheep 15, 3 swine 15, total \$217. Buildings 550, home lot 98—850, total \$1,400. Total valuation, \$1,617.	25 49
1	Lyman Webster.	Buildings 550, home lot 1-2—150, total \$700.	12 15
1	George A. Webster.		2 00
1	Frank E. Webster.		2 00
1	Augustus Wheeler.	Buildings 800, home lot 65—650, total \$1,450.	23 03
1	Edward White.	1 cow 30, total \$30.	2 44
2	A. Woodward and son.	2 horses 125, 4 cows 100, 1 two-year-old 20, 2 yearlings 20, total \$265. Buildings 350, home lot 50—400, Allen lot 30—150, total \$900. Total valuation, \$1,165.	20 97
1	Jonathan P. Webber.	1 horse 80, total \$80. Buildings 1,400, home lot 1—200, total \$1,600. Total valuation, \$1,680.	26 36
1	Emerson E. Wetherell.	1 2-year-old 20, 1 yearling 15, total \$35.	2 58
1	Edward Wizzard.		2 00
1	John Wetherell.		2 00

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1	Simon B. Ward.	1 horse 100, total \$100. House 950, home lot 3—225, total \$1,175. Total valuation, \$1,275.	\$20 56
1	Edwin B. Webber.	3 horses 225, 4 cows 100, 1 2-year-old 15, 8 sheep 40, 6 swine 30, total \$410. Buildings 950, home lot 200—1700. Total \$2,650. Total valuation, \$3,060.	46 38
1	Charles W. Whiting.	. . . . .	2 00
1	Harrison Ware.	. . . . .	2 00
	Preston Wight.	Buildings 150, home lot 50—450, total \$600.	8 70
	Electa Walker.	Cash \$1,000, total \$1,000. Buildings 150, lot 1-2—25, total \$175. Total valuation, \$1,175.	17 11
	Estate J. L. Woods.	Buildings 325, home lot 38—500, total \$825.	12 04
1	Salem T. Weld.	. . . . .	2 00

NON RESIDENTS.

Names.	Description of Property.	Total Tax.
William S. Nichols, Monson.	Wood lot 30—\$400.	\$ 5 80
E. A. Aldrich, Monson.	Wood lot 7—\$60.	87
William Sutliff, Monson.	Land 103—\$650.	9 43
Charles Carpenter, Monson.	Pasture 28—\$500.	7 25
Estate D. G. Green, Monson.	Farrington lot 30—\$100.	2 18
Estate D. G. Green and O. Parker, Monson.	Sprague place 114—875, Noyes lot 4—25. Total \$900.	13 05
George E. Fuller, Monson.	Ferry lot 25—175, Groves lot 9—125, Lombard lot 17—125, Converse lot 60—500, Foster lot 10—125, Haynes lot 7—75. Total \$1,125.	16 39
Fuller & Barry Brothers, Monson,	Blanchard lot 100—\$1,100.	15 95
Estate Daniel Fosket, Monson.	Buildings 50, land 75—400, Ferry lot 15—150. Total \$600.	8 70
William Fenton, Monson.	Land 10—\$200.	2 90

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E. Miller, Monson.	Land 10—\$100.. . . .	\$ 1 45
J. & J. Barry, Monson.	Ferry wood lot 31—\$200.	2 90
John Curley, Monson.	Charles lot 45—\$700.	10 15
William O. Hovey, Monson.	Buildings \$659, Ferry farm 147—950. Total \$1,600.	23 20
Joseph King, Palmer.	House 100, land 145—1,625. Total \$1,725.	25 09
George Robinson, Palmer.	Shaw farm 40—\$625.	9 14
Estate Frank Morgan, Palmer.	Land 14—\$50.	73
D. F. Holden, Palmer.	Blair wood lot 14—\$75.	1 16
Clayton L. Alexander, Palmer.	4 oxen 300, total \$300. Brick yard and saw mill 3,150, buildings 550, land 54—500, total \$4,200. Total valuation, \$4,500.. . . .	65 25
Palmer Savings Bank, Palmer.	Buildings 600, land 50—400, total \$1,000.	14 50
Matthew C. Fenton, Palmer.	Pasture and wood lot 110—\$1,500.	21 75
Charles W. Robinson, Palmer.	Buildings 450, lot 1 3-4—150, total \$600.	8 70
John A. Square, Palmer.	Buildings 150, farm 45—300, total \$450.	6 53
Royal E. Blair, Springfield.	Wood lot 23—\$200.	2 90
A. W. Crossman and Son, Warren.	Buildings, Shaw 150, lot 23—350, Gould house 100, land 1-2—100, Powers house and barn 1,000, land 25—1,000, Frost place 118—1,000, Blodgett lot 75—800, Thayer lot 6—600, warehouse 250, land 1-2—100, storehouse 50, lot 1-4—50, total \$5,550.	80 48
Charles Bemis, Warren.	Pasture 23—\$500.	7 25
Amos Bliss, Warren.	Land 20—\$400.	5 80
Charles Gleason, Warren.	Pasture 35—\$520.	7 54
John Tyler, Warren.	Plain lot 16—240, wood lot 17—560, total \$800.	11 60
S. N. Gleason, Warren.	Land 15—\$100.	1 45
J. C. Freeman, Warren.	Wood lot 20—150, Chamberlain lot 70—400, total \$550.	7 98

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Pardon P. Allen, Warren.	Still 100, land 1—59, total \$150.	\$2 18
Daniel Hatheway, Warren.	Shop 100, lot 100, total \$200.	2 90
Merrick Sherman, Warren.	Land 26—\$450.	6 53
F. H. Moore, Warren.	Buildings 475, farm 134—550, total \$1,025.	14 94
A. L. Converse, Warren.	Sprout lot 12—\$100.	1 45
A. W. Lincoln, Warren.	Buildings 50, lot 30—125, total \$175.	2 61
Joseph Highland, Sturbridge.	Land 9—\$150.	2 18
Fiskdale Mills Co., Sturbridge.	Streeter barn 100, lot 13—130, Underwood lot 106—900, Ackhart 50—400, total \$1,530.	22 19
Snell Machine Co., Sturbridge.	Personal \$2,500. Buildings 4,600, home lot 6—400, total \$5,000. Total valuation, \$7,500.	108 75
George Adams, Sturbridge.	Wood lot 75—900, swamp lot 37—175, total \$1,075.	15 66
Austin Allen, Sturbridge.	Wood lot 75—\$900.	13 05
S. F. Marsh, Sturbridge.	Pasture 28—500.	7 25
Estate of F. Bemis, Sturbridge.	Pasture 36--\$250.	3 63
E. L. Bates, Sturbridge.	Tyler lot 70—\$300.	4 35
Patrick King, Sturbridge.	Land 12—\$150.	2 18
M. Fox, Sturbridge.	Wood lot 8—\$50.	73
John B. Sheridan, Sturbridge.	Barn 100, farm 60— 600, total \$700.	10 15
J. W. Draper, Sturbridge.	2 oxen 150, 1 cow 30, total \$180. Buildings 200, farm 50—450, Ives lot 50 —180, total \$830. Total valuation, \$1,010.	14 65
Everett Butterworth, Southbridge.	4 horses \$300.	4 35
Hamilton Woolen Co., Southbridge.	Flowage, \$200.	2 90
Charles E. Lombard, Southbridge.	Bumit lot 12— \$300.	4 35
Charles O. Brewster, Brookfield.	Northup lot 30— \$200.	2 90
Henry Allen, Brookfield.	Buildings 100, Sessions place 40—300, total \$400.	5 80

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M. E. Shattuck, Worcester.	2 horses 200, 23 cows 690, 4 yearlings 50, 7 swine 65, total \$1,005. Build- ings 1,100, home farm 137—1,900, total \$3,000. Total valuation, \$4,005.	\$58 15
Lewis Sherman, Worcester.	Buildings 300, home lot 18—375, pasture 20—120, meadow lot 3—50, plain 6—75, mountain lot 8—100, total \$1,020.	14 79
Wm. L. Webber, Holland.	Meadow 8—\$160.	2 32
George L. Webber, Holland.	Meadow 8—\$160.	2 32
William Lynn, Holland.	Swamp lot 6—\$100.	1 45
Mrs. Glazier, Holland.	Swamp lot 12—\$100.	1 45
William Wallis, Holland.	Sprout lot 10—\$100.	1 45
Horace Wallis, Holland.	Sprout lot 59—\$550.	7 98
Estate James A. Webber, Holland.	Meadow 12—\$200.	2 90
Henry G. Switzer, Holland.	Swamp lot 14—\$150.	2 18
Estate Daniel Shaw, Wales.	Buildings 200, farm 23— 360, Worthington lot 5—40, Elliott lot 8—30, total \$630.	9 14
Frank Gardner, Wales.	Pasture 34—350.	5 08
Eli Gardner, Wales.	Wood and pasture 50—\$400.	5 80
Estate F. C. Smith, Wales.	Meadow 11—200, land 1— 50, total \$250.	3 63
Royal Nelson.	Buildings 325, Parker place 30—450. Total \$775.	11 31
W. L. Needham.	Dickey place 70—\$400.	5 80
Thomas McKenney, North Brookfield.	Sprout lot 10— 100.	1 45
Rebecca Cleverly, Boston.	Buildings 350, lot 21—140. Total \$490.	7 11
A. L. Prouty, Tabor, Iowa.	Sprout lot 55—\$100.	1 45
F. H. Brown, North Stonington, Conn.	Merrick place 190—\$1,900.	27 55

VALUATION OF BRIMFIELD, 1885.

Value of Real Estate,	\$394,820.00
Value of Personal Property,	88,930.00
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Total valuation,	\$483,750.00
Number of polls,	314
Tax on polls,	\$2.00
Rate of tax,	\$14.50 per \$1,000.00
Money unsecured by mortgage,	\$4,500.00
Money on hand, including deposits, taxable stocks and bonds,	\$26,400.00
Number of horses,	224
Number of cows,	740
Number of sheep,	213
Number of neat cattle other than cows,	390
Number of swine,	143
Number of dwelling houses,	245
Number of acres of land,	21,570

ASSESSMENTS.

State tax,	\$ 450.00
County tax,	547.67
Highways and tools,	1,500.00
Support of Bridges,	200.00
Snow paths,	200.00
Schools, etc.,	1,700.00
Repairs of school houses,	100.00
Support of paupers,	1,200.00
Officers' salaries,	500.00
Discount on taxes,	300.00
Miscellaneous expenses,	600.00
Town debt and interest,	200.00
Overlayings,	130.97
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Total Town, County and State tax,	\$7,643.29

PROPERTY EXEMPT FROM TAXATION.

Town Farm and stock,	\$ 4,300.00
Hitchcock Free High school,	96,500.00
First Congregational society,	5,000.00
Advent society,	500.00
Ten school-houses,	7,500.00
Town Hall,	6,000.00
Town library,	1,500.00
Cemetery,	1,000.00
Common,	500.00
Soldiers' monument,	2,000.00
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Total exempt,	\$124,800.00

SAMUEL W. BROWN,
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Assessors of Brimfield.

